

Thatcher wins over Pretoria trip doubters

Mrs Thatcher raised Conservative morale with a combative Commons defence of her South Africa policy... Sir Geoffrey Howe said his forthcoming Pretoria mission proved the EEC could speak with one voice

The Prime Minister yesterday summer recess and the Commonwealth summit in London early in August... Mrs Thatcher surprised MPs by the emphasis she put on the demand for the unconditional release of Mr Nelson Mandela...

Howe's priority is a voice for Europe

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary and new President of the European Council of Ministers, yesterday said his forthcoming mission to South Africa was proof of the ability of the EEC to speak with one voice...



The Queen with President von Weizsäcker on their state drive yesterday to Buckingham Palace and, below, the Duke of Edinburgh accompanying Frau von Weizsäcker.

President von Weizsäcker of West Germany told a state banquet at Buckingham Palace last night that friendship between the two countries had been re-established on a solid foundation since the Second World War...

Moscow ready to reopen talks with US

The main immediate obstacle to a superpower summit this year has been removed with the Soviet proposal to Washington that talks be resumed to rearrange a meeting between the countries' foreign ministers...

Two held after arms seizure

Two men were being held by police in the West Country last night under the Prevention of Terrorism Act after the discovery of an arsenal of rocket launchers...

Hot spell over by weekend

The hot spell continued yesterday in most areas of Britain but temperatures were slightly cooler and less humid than Monday...

Botham makes apology

Ian Botham, the England cricketer who is already under suspension, has apologized to the Test and County Cricket Board for a speech criticizing the England selectors...

Libya raid costs BA passengers

British Airways suffered a much heavier loss of passengers than West European rivals in the aftermath of the US bombing of Libya...

Labour takes 6% lead

Labour has a 6 per cent lead over the Conservatives, according to the latest MORI opinion poll...

Bomb kills UDR man

A part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment was killed yesterday when a Provisional IRA bomb exploded underneath his car...

Mystery of bungled Berlin escape bid

took place near the Alexanderplatz station in East Berlin on May 7. The station and shops nearby were closed and evacuated for several hours...



Tomorrow Flightless Peacock?

What future for the BBC? Times Profile of the Peacock Committee

Portfolio Gold

The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was shared yesterday by two readers: Mrs D. Brown of Beckenham, Kent; and Mr P. Foley of London, W.12

A-levels drop

The Commons Select Committee on Education and Science has uncovered a drop in the number doing A-levels which may be attributed to the introduction of the Youth Training Scheme

Police ruling

Nearly 2,000 jobs with West Yorkshire police force were put at risk when the High Court ruled that the local authority must stick to the Government's spending target for next year.

Gallery to go

Lack of space and too many visitors are responsible for the closure next month of the Jeu de Paume, home of the biggest impressionist art collection in the world

Tripods results

Cambridge Tripos examination results in production engineering (part 1a), geography (parts 1a, 1b and 2), and mathematics (part 1b) are published today

Table with 2 columns: Home News, Overseas, Apts, Arts, Births, Deaths, Business, Church, Court, Crosswords, Diary, Events, Features, Law Report. Includes dates and page numbers.

Vertical text on the left margin: Correct blend the key factor... Today's cap... Botham in the water again...

Parents given powers to appeal over expelled pupils

By Sheila Gann, Political Staff

Parents will have the right to appeal to an independent tribunal against the expulsion of a child from school, under a Government scheme announced yesterday.

But school governors will no longer be forced to take back disruptive pupils and they will also have the right to appeal.

This change will prevent disputes similar to that at Poundswick School, Manchester, when a head was ordered by a local education authority to readmit five pupils expelled for allegedly painting graffiti and insulting teachers.

Two professional bodies representing head teachers appealed to the Government to change the law to give school governors more say over disciplining pupils.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, agreed to add a clause to the Education Bill, at present going through its detailed committee stage in the Commons.

The scheme, added to the Bill yesterday, will allow governors and parents to appeal to the school admissions appeal committee in disputes involving disruptive children. The committee's decision will be binding.

Opposition MPs have argued that this committee is biased in favour of education authorities.

But the Department of Education and Science said that

Trophy offer to Branson

The Staffordshire company which supplied the original Hales Riband Trophy offered yesterday to provide Mr Richard Branson with a new one for his record-breaking Atlantic crossing.

Mr Neale Harrison, head of Paddock's jewellers in Bealey, Stoke-on-Trent, and great grandson of the company's founder, said that although Mr Branson should not receive the original award, first presented in 1935, "he should be handsomely rewarded for his efforts".

Wedgwood, the north Staffordshire porcelain manufacturer, has also offered to design a special Blue Riband trophy to console Mr Branson.

The American Merchant Marine Museum at King's Point, Long Island, New York, has refused to hand over the original 4 ft gold and silver trophy to Mr Branson.

Mr Frank Brayward, the museum's curator, claims that when the British businessman Harold Hales donated the trophy for the Blue Riband holder in 1935, he meant it to go to passenger liners and not to "little toy boats".

He said United States Lines, which owned the passenger liner United States, which set the previous record in 1952, was prepared to go to court to keep the trophy in the United States.

But Mr Branson said yesterday in London he was not worried that the museum refused to give him the trophy.

He said about 20 companies had kindly offered to make trophies for the crew.

"We will have a crew meeting in London on Thursday and make a decision then", he added.

Hattersley switch on borrowing

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

A Labour government would urge nationalized industries to seek investment from the private and public sectors, Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, announced yesterday.

The dramatic switch in policy, likely to surprise many on the left of the party, was outlined in a speech to the annual conference of the National Union of Railwaymen.

Mr Hattersley said much needed increases in expenditure on the rail network, which would help to preserve and create jobs, "need not, and should not, come exclusively from the public purse."

"Railway electrification is an extremely profitable enterprise with a high return on investment. It should be attractive to private investors."

"To provide the freedom to do this, we will relax British Rail's external financing limits," Mr Hattersley said, that nationalized industries had a record of higher investment than private industry which had resulted in a far higher productivity.

"So nationalized industry borrowing should be undertaken in response to commercial needs and be treated like private company borrowing. That happens in countries like Sweden and Italy where there are far larger public sectors."

Mr Hattersley, speaking in Weston-super-Mare, insisted that such "freedom" should not be interpreted as an abandonment of Labour's commitment to equating social objectives and financial prudence within BR.

Scargill suffers further rebuff

By Tim Jones

The dream of Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, of a new surge of militancy leading to a strike against pit closures suffered another humiliating setback yesterday.

Already jolted by the reaction to his warnings on Monday that the union would have to prepare for a strike, the motion on pay, to be discussed today at the union's annual conference at Teby, Dyfed, has been amended to leave out any threat of industrial action.

The original motion, proposed by the Yorkshire area, called on the membership to be consulted about industrial action if the demand for £120 a week basic pay for surface workers was not met.

But all reference to industrial action has been removed from the motion to be discussed today which is a composite of proposals from Yorkshire, Midlands and South Wales areas.

Instead, the debate today will seek merely to instruct the delegates to call a special conference to discuss the position if the demand for the increase - which amounts to an extra £14 a week - is not met.

Mr Jack Taylor, president of the Yorkshire area, said: "We could not get agreement so we agreed to leave out the passage relating to industrial action in order to achieve unity".

That is a clear message to Mr Scargill that his plea for a strike has fallen on stony ground.

Left-wing and moderate area leaders alike were still seething yesterday at their president who they accused of being out of touch with the mood of the men.

After their long and punishing strike there is clearly no mood in the coalfields to embark on another dispute so soon after their defeat.

The fact that Mr Scargill believes that the strike was successful is worrying many of the members of the union.

One area leader said yesterday: "A majority of the executive now believe he is becoming an embarrassment to the union because of his failure to acknowledge reality."

"It is unlikely there will be any move to oust him as that would only provide ammunition for our enemies. But we will certainly strive to control his actions."

Sanctions plea by South Africans

Two South African black trade union leaders, thought to have been detained during the state of emergency, addressed the miners' conference yesterday and made a plea for economic sanctions to be imposed against their country.

Although they face instant arrest and punishment, Mr James Motolatsi, president of the South African National Union of Mineworkers, and Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, general secretary, intend to return after they have met Mr Neil Kinnock and the Shadow Cabinet.

In a highly charged and emotional appearance, the two men described the plight of black workers in their country.

When the state of emergency began they had avoided detention by hiding in safe houses and later had slipped out of the country unnoticed.

Mr Motolatsi said: "We say here and now that sanctions against South Africa will never hurt us because we own nothing. We have nothing to lose. We have suffered for more than 300 years and we are still suffering now."

Johannesburg hist, page 7



Mr Charles Duesbury, an accountancy student who has formed a company offering rides by rickshaw to tourist sights, showing Miss Ulrika Halvorsson (left) and Miss Angelica Gnstavsson, from Sweden, around London yesterday. (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Jesuit enters fray for women priests

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Vatican's arguments against women priests rest upon a *non sequitur*, a distinguished Jesuit theologian said yesterday.

Father Robert Butterworth SJ, head of religious studies at the Rochampton Institute, London, described the case put by Cardinal Johannes Willebrands to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, in letters published on Monday, as "a certain Continental kind of sacerdotal piety."

He said the male-female imagery proposed by the cardinal for God's relationship with the church was valid, but "it did not follow" that women could not be priests.

Father Butterworth added that there was wide agreement among Roman Catholic theologians that the case against women priests was not conclusive.

He was at a press conference

Hall defends his outside activities

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

Sir Peter Hall, head of the National Theatre, is to join Mr Trevor Nunn, his counterpart at the Royal Shakespeare Company, in suing *The Sunday Times* for what he regards as a scurrilous and inaccurate article that was "deliberately set up to discredit both of us".

Sir Peter yesterday denied allegations by the newspaper that both artistic directors had taken advantage of their positions to become multi-millionaires, and had shown a lack of commitment to their subsidized institutions.

He also defended the present system of negotiating individual deals for the transfer of productions from subsidized to commercial theatres as an effective and honourable method that benefited everyone concerned.

He had no intention of resigning and he had not amassed a personal fortune from transferring successful

New tactics by pickets bring chaos

Twenty-two pickets were arrested for public order offences outside the News International plant at Wapping, east London, yesterday, after a demonstration by more than 400 brought chaos to the area.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Wyn Jones, in charge of police in the east end of London, said: "This is a change of tactics, flooding the area with demonstrators without notice of intent and causing major disruption, and trying up large numbers of police for hours. It is totally irresponsible."

Mr Eric Hammond, leader of the electricians' union EETPU, is expected to report to Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, today on his weekend talks with Mr Rupert Murdoch.

Mr Hammond and Mr Tom Rice, the union's national secretary responsible for the printing industry, returned to Britain yesterday after reopening talks with Mr Murdoch in Los Angeles.

The EETPU has urged Mr Murdoch to start another round of negotiations with the print unions over the dismissal of 5,500 striking print workers.

Paisley's 'civil war' retreat

By Richard Ford

Seven days after loudly proclaiming that Northern Ireland was "on the verge of civil war", the Rev Ian Paisley yesterday said the threat had receded.

Mr Paisley used the defeat of the divorce referendum in the Irish Republic as the reason for his public retreat from his apocalyptic vision that the province could be in a situation where there was "hand to hand" street fighting.

The defeat, the Democratic Unionist Party leader said, meant that the British Government would no longer be pushing Northern Ireland

Tebbit in attack on BBC over S Africa

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, delivered a thinly veiled attack on BBC coverage of the South African emergency yesterday as he launched his party's campaign in the Newcastle-under-Lyme by-election.

He suggested that the corporation was out of step with public opinion and devoting too much time to events in that country and arguments over sanctions.

"I think the comments of people in this constituency and in most of Britain about sanctions will be strongest if they find they lose their jobs as a result of sanctions."

No sooner had Mr Jim Nock, aged 51, a Kent hotelier and leader of Canterbury City Council, pronounced a moratorium on "knocking" his opponents, than Mr Tebbit weighed in by saying the by-election was unnecessary.

It was called for July 17 after Mr John Gilding, Labour member for 18 years, resigned to become General Secretary of the National Communications Union. His wife, Llyn, aged 53, is the Labour candidate.

General election: J Gilding (Lab), 21,210; L Lawrence (C), 18,406; A Thomas (Lib/All), 10,916. Lab maj: 2,804.

Spy trial jury is shown tiny equipment

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

A piece of "spy equipment" the size of a postage stamp was shown to the Central Criminal Court yesterday as Special Branch detectives described searching the home of an East German couple accused of espionage.

Reinhard Schulze, aged 33, and his wife Sonja, aged 36, have denied charges under the Official Secrets Act. The couple deny preparing to pass on information, while Mr Schulze denies a charge involving an application for a British passport and Mrs Schulze denies a charge involving a West German identity card.

Yesterday the court was told that the couple's home in Wayne Avenue, Cranford, west London, was searched for more than a month after their arrest last August. Hundreds of sacks of material were removed.

Detective Constable Andrew Williams told the court that he found a collection of spy equipment taped inside an air freshener in a garden shed. The court has been told the equipment included material used to encode messages into figures for communications.

Mr Williams said that inside the lid of the air freshener he found three little plastic wallets which contained papers. Two had German words written on them set against a list of figures, and the third contained a paper with printed figures. He showed the court one of the papers, about the size of a large postage stamp.

Mr Williams said that he also found two "escape kits" containing a false British passport for a man, a West German identity card for a woman and cash.

Mr Albert Ferris, Mr Schulze's landlord when he rented a flat in Hounslow, west London, told the court that he always had a key to Mr Schulze's flat. He had become friendly with Mr Schulze, who was quiet and seemed to have no visitors.

The case continues today.

Stalker protest on suspension

By Peter Davenport

The independent Police Complaints Authority yesterday approved the formal suspension on full pay of Mr John Stalker, Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester.

It may now take until September to complete the investigation into allegations that Mr Stalker, aged 47, kept unwise associations with criminals.

The decision was announced at a press conference, which led to a complaint from lawyers representing Mr Stalker, who said it was "regrettable in the extreme" that Mr Stalker had not been personally told of his suspension.

It was made clear yesterday that Mr Stalker had offered to attend the police authority meeting to explain his side of the case, but the offer was not accepted.

There was also a dispute yesterday over a statement by Norman Briggs, the Labour chairman of the Greater Manchester Police Authority, that Mr Stalker had been made aware of the complaints against him since May 29, the first day of the investigation by Mr Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire.

Mr Stalker denies this.

UDR soldiers get life for murder

Four soldiers in the Ulster Defence Regiment were jailed for life yesterday at Belfast Crown Court for the sectarian murder of a Roman Catholic while on duty in Northern Ireland.

The convicted men, based at Drumad Barracks in Armagh, were Private Neil Laiter, aged 24, Private Noel Bell, aged 22, both of Armagh, Lance Corporal James Hegan, aged 35, of Newry, Co Down and Private Alfred Allen, aged 23, of Loughall, Co Armagh.

They had denied murder and possessing firearms with intent. With the exception of Mr Carroll was shot dead at

Sellafield's hard sell

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The Sellafield nuclear power station, described earlier this year as "the largest recorded source of radioactive discharge in the world", has set its sights on becoming a big tourist attraction.

Eight million invitation cards are to be sent out to lure visitors to the Cumbria plant, which a House of Commons environment committee called "a by-word for the dirty end of the industry in the nuclear world".

In an effort to clean up its image, Sellafield, formerly Windscale, is being pictured in lush Lake District surroundings in a £2 million television and press advertising campaign starting tomorrow.

The campaign has been devised by the Young and Rubicam advertising agency, whose talents have helped sell such products as Heinz foods, Colgate toothpaste, Adidas sportswear and Kodak films.

The campaign by British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL), which runs Sellafield, is its biggest attempt at winning support for nuclear energy in Britain, after suffering a long series of public relations setbacks.

It has been involved in numerous controversies over safety after leaks of radioactivity from the site.

The nuclear industry was criticized by the Commons environment committee for its "defensive secretiveness" and was urged to be "more open and forthright in all its affairs" by the MPs.

Mr Christopher Harding, chairman of BNFL, launched the campaign, at a reception in London, with English wine and Cumbrian sausages. He said: "Our advertising is saying to the public that in effect our door is open. We have nothing to hide."

He added that the company had decided to promote Sellafield before the MPs published their report last March. "We feel that what we are now doing is a very good answer to their criticisms."

About 30,000 people a year already visit Sellafield and the company expects at least twice as many visitors next year. They will be given conducted bus tours of the plant and shown the world's first full-size nuclear power station, Calder Hall, opened by the Queen 30 years ago.

Visitors can also tour an exhibition centre, which has working models of the plant, computer games and video presentations.

The eight million invitations are being attached to double-page advertisements that will appear in Sunday newspaper colour supplements.

Mr David Miller, of Young and Rubicam, acknowledged yesterday that selling Sellafield posed special difficulties. "It has taken us 12 months to develop this style of campaign. We are trying to build more positive public attitudes about nuclear power."

TOMORROW COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

PAGES AND PAGES OF JOBS FOR:

Financial and Accounting,
Chief Executives,
Managing Directors,
Directors,
Sales and Marketing Executives,
Public, Finance and Overseas Appointments.

SEE GENERAL APPOINTMENTS
IN THE **TIMES** TOMORROW.

Nuclear plant lures tourists

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The Sellafield nuclear power station, described earlier this year as "the largest recorded source of radioactive discharge in the world", has set its sights on becoming a big tourist attraction.

Eight million invitation cards are to be sent out to lure visitors to the Cumbria plant, which a House of Commons environment committee called "a by-word for the dirty end of the industry in the nuclear world".

In an effort to clean up its image, Sellafield, formerly Windscale, is being pictured in lush Lake District surroundings in a £2 million television and press advertising campaign starting tomorrow.

The campaign has been devised by the Young and Rubicam advertising agency, whose talents have helped sell such products as Heinz foods, Colgate toothpaste, Adidas sportswear and Kodak films.

The campaign by British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL), which runs Sellafield, is its biggest attempt at winning support for nuclear energy in Britain, after suffering a long series of public relations setbacks.

It has been involved in numerous controversies over safety after leaks of radioactivity from the site.

The nuclear industry was criticized by the Commons environment committee for its "defensive secretiveness" and was urged to be "more open and forthright in all its affairs" by the MPs.

Mr Christopher Harding, chairman of BNFL, launched the campaign, at a reception in London, with English wine and Cumbrian sausages. He said: "Our advertising is saying to the public that in effect our door is open. We have nothing to hide."

He added that the company had decided to promote Sellafield before the MPs published their report last March. "We feel that what we are now doing is a very good answer to their criticisms."

About 30,000 people a year already visit Sellafield and the company expects at least twice as many visitors next year. They will be given conducted bus tours of the plant and shown the world's first full-size nuclear power station, Calder Hall, opened by the Queen 30 years ago.

Visitors can also tour an exhibition centre, which has working models of the plant, computer games and video presentations.

The eight million invitations are being attached to double-page advertisements that will appear in Sunday newspaper colour supplements.

Mr David Miller, of Young and Rubicam, acknowledged yesterday that selling Sellafield posed special difficulties. "It has taken us 12 months to develop this style of campaign. We are trying to build more positive public attitudes about nuclear power."

LIGHTING SALE NOW ON

50% AND 25% DISCOUNTS

The Worlds Finest Lighting Sale is on. Genuine reductions on all our lighting, from full lead Austrian Crystal chandeliers to lampshades.

millet

THE WORLDS FINEST LIGHTING

MILLET LIGHTING LTD - 197-201 BAKER STREET - LONDON NW1 6UY
TELEPHONE: 01-935 7851
OPPOSITE BAKER STREET TUBE - LICENSED CREDIT BROKERS

Mother who murdered daughter and friend gets two life sentences

A mother who believed in witchcraft and 'voodoo' was given two life sentences at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for the 'hideous' murders of her daughter and a neighbour's child.

After deliberations lasting two hours, the jury found Mrs Mirella Beechook, aged 26, guilty of the murder of Tina Beechook, aged 7, and Stacey Kavanagh, aged 4, last September.

Sir James Miskin, QC, Recorder of London, told Beechook that in the ordinary course he would have recommended a minimum period which she should serve. But he was certain that the Home Secretary would not sanction her release until she was no longer a danger to the public, and children in particular.

He said that the jury 'sensibly' had not accepted Beechook's admissions to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

There was uncontradicted evidence from psychiatrists that at the time of the killings her mind was abnormal but the jury concluded that her responsibility was not diminished. Sir James added.

Earlier, social workers told the court how Beechook had tried to poison her younger baby, Sabrina, with sleeping tablets six years before she strangled her daughter, Tina, and the child's friend, Stacey Kavanagh.

Although Sabrina, then aged only 22 days, was taken from her after the poisoning in

1979 and later adopted, social workers in the London Borough of Southwark allowed Beechook to keep Tina because they believed the child, then 15 months old, would help to stabilize her parents' marriage.

Tina was placed on the 'at risk' register of the social services department and a close watch kept on the family. But in 1982 she was removed from the register.

The last few weeks of her life were spent shoplifting and begging for money on the Swan Road Estate in Rotherhithe, south London, where she and her mother lived.

Mr Ravi Beechook, Tina's father, who left the family home two years ago, blamed social workers for her death.

Mr Beechook, aged 30, an insurance salesman now living in Stratford, east London, said: "If they had kept a

tighter grip on the case she might not have died."

But the social services department said there was no reason to believe that Mrs Beechook would harm the other child at the time of the incident with Sabrina. "Tina was well cared for and there was no suggestion of any abuse."

Caring agencies who continued to visit the Beechook flat reported no sign of ill-treatment of Tina. And her school, Albion Primary, reported no problems.

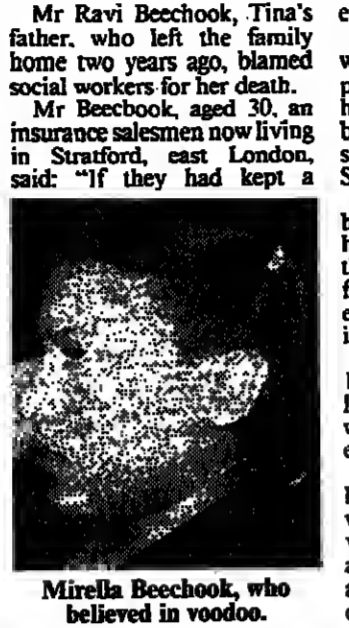
The attempt on Sabrina's life came after an incident when she had been re-admitted to hospital with gastroenteritis.

Staff became suspicious when they found the end of a pin in the baby's nappy after her mother had visited. A blood test, two days later, showed sleeping pills in Sabrina's body.

Beechook claimed that she had been told in a dream to harm the child, and alleged that Mr Beechook's old girl friend was putting the "evil eye" on her and placing ideas in her mind.

Beechook came to Britain in 1974 from Mauritius, an island in the Indian Ocean, where voodoo remains a powerful force.

Beechook's doctor did not know whether to believe her when she claimed to have visions of knives and blood and attributed them to fears about her marriage and to her cultural background.



Mirella Beechook, who believed in voodoo.



A pier attendant inspecting the damage yesterday at the new "end" of the Southend pier, which was sliced in two by a coaster on Monday evening (Photograph: Leslie Lee).

Cost of post to Europe cut 4p to inland rate

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

The cost of posting letters to Europe is to be cut by 4p to match the new first-class letter rate of 18p.

Both first and second class stamps are being increased by a penny from October - second class letters returning to the 13p rate of last November, the Post Office announced yesterday.

The increases come in spite of Post Office profits of £133.7 million on the postal service in 1984-85, the last published figures. The latest profits, for 1985-86, which are due to be published this month, show a similar profit level, post.

The Post Office will formally notify the postal consumer watchdog, the Post Office Users' National Council (POUNC), of the changes today.

The Post Office will discuss the rises at a meeting to be held in two weeks. It hopes to reach a decision by the end of the month on whether to approve the price rises.

The users' council is due to publish its own annual report on the performance of the Post Office at the end of the month.

According to a council statement "the council will now consult widely with consumer bodies and other organizations and also look closely at the Post Office's arguments and justification for the many detailed proposed changes".

Sir Ronald Dearing, chairman of the Post Office, said yesterday: "The increases are designed to help the Post Office continue to be profitable."

The Post Office has a profit target, set by the Government, of 4.8 per cent on turnover.

Inquiry launched into Southend pier crash

An Admiralty investigation was launched yesterday to find out how a coaster ran into Southend Pier, slicing the Essex tourist attraction in two.

The sledge ship, Kings Abbey, was on its way to dump a cargo of sugar and borax waste when it rammed the far end of the 2.158 ft pier about 7.15pm on Monday.

The coaster ran aground and was stuck for half an hour before being towed free, leaving a 40 ft hole at the head of the pier, which is the longest in the world.

Several people who were on the pier at the time had to be evacuated, but no one was injured.

The captain, Mr Frank Boyd, of Bexley Heath, in Kent, was later interviewed by police. The ship went on to deliver its cargo before docking at the Belvedere Ferry, in London yesterday, with a hole in its bow.

Southend Borough Council, which recently spent £1.5 million renovating the pier, said that it could cost between £250,000 and £1 million to repair the pier.

Mr Frank Boyd, the coaster's captain.

Police marksman trial 'Reflex response' training

By Craig Seton

Police marksmen were trained to fire immediately they identified a target as a threat and if they made a mistake "problems could arise", a government expert told the trial of a policeman accused of shooting and killing a boy aged five in his bed.

On the second day of the trial of Police Constable Brian Chester at Stafford Crown Court, Mr Thomas Warlow, a Home Office forensic scientist, said: "If they do not truly identify the nature of their target, a problem can occur."

PC Chester, of Leek, Wootton, Warwickshire, a member of the West Midlands tactical firearms squad, denies the manslaughter of John Shorthouse during a dawn raid on the boy's home in King's Norton, Birmingham, last August.

The prosecution has alleged that PC Chester was grossly negligent when he intentionally fired his 38 magnum Smith and Wesson revolver, killing the boy almost instantly.

The marksman, described as an "ideal" officer, insisted in statements to the police that he did not see the boy hidden under a blanket as he searched his bedroom and could not explain why his gun had gone off.

Mr Warlow told the court that police marksmen, particularly specialist officers, "are subject to a great deal of training which calls for fast response shooting at rapidly presented targets. A response system is built into their bodies which allows them to engage targets very rapidly and enables them to pull the trigger very rapidly."

Cross-examined by Mr Desmond Fenell, QC, for the prosecution, he agreed that he was drawing a distinction between an accidental discharge and a reflex response.

He said that there were no circumstances in which PC Chester's revolver could have fired accidentally when he stooped down to look under the bed. In the "double action mode" the trigger would have required 8lb 11oz of pressure to be activated.

Mr David Gordon, formerly chief inspector in charge of firearms training in the West Midlands who taught PC Chester, said that marksmen were taught quick reactive firing at some target or threat which presented itself, and in those circumstances two shots would be fired.

He said that if an officer fired without identifying his target as a threat "he would be remiss".

Mr Gordon said that in spite of all their training, the human element

Spectacle vouchers confusion

By Mark Dowd

Confusion reigned in some opticians' stores yesterday on the first day of the Government's spectacle voucher scheme.

The scheme marks the final stage of plans to introduce greater competition into the spectacles market.

Four groups are eligible under the new voucher system: those on supplementary benefit, children under 16, students under 19 in full-time education and those who require complex and expensive lenses.

Patients in these groups are handed a voucher form on which the optician inserts a letter code from six choices. The code indicates the monetary value of the voucher, which can range from £14.25 to a maximum of £66 depending on the complexity of the lens.

But several ophthalmic opticians yesterday expressed dissatisfaction with the way the transition had been handled.

Although welcoming the thrust of the proposals, a spokesman from Chadburn's of Sheffield said that he had only received details of the rules and regulations last Wednesday.

One optician, from a district of Birmingham which deals with a high percentage of former NHS claimants, said: "Some of the patients seem to know more about the voucher system than the opticians."

Mr Ian Hunter, general secretary of the Association of Optical Practitioners, said: "Most of the people I have spoken to appear to have grasped the points contained in the new voucher proposals."

Harvest of death reaped on farms

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A horrifying picture of danger and death on the farm was presented yesterday by the Health and Safety Executive.

Between 1981 and 1984 nearly 400 people were killed in accidents and a further 82 died last year, 15 more than in the previous year. The victims ranged from a girl of two who was fatally scalded by a bucket of boiling water while watching nine calves being fed, to a man of 76 who was impaled on a pitchfork.

A contributory factor to the accident rate could be that, under pressure to cut costs, farmers were tempted to cut corners, Mr Carl Boswell, the executive's chief agricultural inspector, said.

On many farms there were still Victorian working conditions which would not be tolerated for one moment in other industries.

"Attitudes must change if we are to stop this carnage," Mr Boswell said. "It really is about time that farmers took safety seriously."

"Everyone involved in agriculture must wake up to the fact that they are working in the second most dangerous industry, after construction, in the country."

The report is the result of a detailed study of fatal accidents over four years.

The causes ranged from overturning vehicles to electrocution, and from drowning to diseases contracted from livestock.

Among the cases are a farmer's wife killed by a blade which flew off a rotary mower; a farm worker buried alive under ten tonnes of silage.

Agricultural Black Spot (Health and Safety Executive, Stationery Office or booksellers, £2.50).

Race against disease

A mass child immunization programme in drought-stricken Africa will be one of the main relief projects to benefit from the money raised worldwide by Sport Aid and the Race Against Time.

It heads the list of priorities, announced yesterday, with £1.5 million being set aside for programmes in Botswana, Congo, Lesotho, Tanzania, Ghana and Zimbabwe. About £1 million will also be spent to promote ways of reducing child deaths.

Burkina-Faso, one of the poorest countries in Africa, will receive about £400,000 for feeding under-nourished children and promoting self-sufficiency schemes.

Southern Sudan will get £260,000 for the relief of many women and children displaced by the country's war.

Disabled children 'tied to beds'

Mentally handicapped children were tied to chairs with their jumpers and strapped to their beds at a residential school, it was claimed at a Bristol industrial tribunal yesterday.

The allegation was made by Mr Barry Silkstone, a former house parent at St Christopher's School, Westbury Park, Bristol. He and his wife Sandra, of Nailsea, near Bristol, are claiming unfair dismissal.

The school authorities say the dismissed couple for not treating the children with homeopathic medicine.

One parent, whose identity was not disclosed, told the hearing she had sent her daughter to St Christopher's partly so that she would not be indiscriminately treated with antibiotics. But she said that at a school meeting the Silkstones had criticized homeopathy.

On the fifth day of the hearing Mr Silkstone, aged 49, said that staff had imprisoned pupils at the school. "My wife and I soon put a stop to the way the children were tied to their beds with reins, which we thought was wrong. We used to let them go out and exercise."

He said that there had been outbreaks of dysentery because staff gave pupils the wrong diet, and there had also been a hepatitis outbreak owing to lack of hygiene.

The hearing continues today.

High Flyer

Bargains from TWA.

4 good reasons to visit America.

- £27 FLIGHTS** in America to over 60 TWA cities. This fantastic offer has now been extended to cover tickets purchased on or before 15th July for travel in the USA up to 31st October 1986. Choose from a minimum of six, to a maximum of eight. There's no better value in the sky - just imagine, you can fly from coast to coast for only £27.
- FREE HOTELS*** for 2 nights. Exclusively for TWA passengers, Holiday Inns and TWA combine to offer you two additional nights free when you book five. This offer covers the States from Massachusetts to Miami. From San Francisco down to LA. It's a luxury offer that's hard to refuse.
- FREE self-drive car*** for up to 3 weeks. A great offer in Florida you get a free self-drive Hertz car for 3 whole weeks. In California, a free car for two weeks. Elsewhere in the States, free Hertz car for a week. Whichever way you go, it's a great bargain.
- £149 STANDBY FARES.** If you just want a flight to America there's another reason to choose TWA. All the comfort and service of a wide-body jet to the States - and on to over 60 cities - from as little as £149, one way out of Heathrow. Included in the bargains: your onward standby flight within the USA can be booked in London so you don't have to join another queue.

New York	£149
Boston	£149
Philadelphia	£159
Miami	£179
Orlando	£179
Chicago	£209
Los Angeles	£249
San Francisco	£249

*Hotel and car deals operated by UK TOUR OPERATORS. Travelers Jetways, American Express, Premier N.A.S., American Airlines, Transstar. Certain conditions apply.

Leading the way with 'High Flyer' bargains to America.

See your TWA

Offing TWA on 01 636 4000

Spy trial jury is shown tiny equipment
By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

A piece of "spy" equipment shown to the Central Criminal Court yesterday as evidence in the trial of a German couple accused of espionage.

Reinhard Schulze, aged 40, and his wife Sonia, aged 38, have denied charges under the Official Secrets Act. The couple are preparing to plead guilty to espionage. While the couple denies a charge of passing an application for a British passport and the Schulzes possess a charge involving a West German identity card.

Yesterday the court was told that the couple's home in Weymouth Avenue, Cranford, London, was searched for more than a month in August 1985 for sacks of material.

Detective Constable John Williams told the court that he found a collection of freshers in a garden. The court has been told that the freshers were used to encode messages. Figures for communication.

Mr Williams said that he found three small wallets which contained pers. Two had German names written on them and contained a paper with red figures. The court was told that the papers contained the size of the large stamp.

Mr Williams said that he also found a book containing a list of names of German women and men.

Mr Albert Fenn, Schulze's lawyer, said that his client was a member of the German Communist Party and that he was a member of the German Communist Party.

The trial continues today.

Stalker protest on suspension
By Peter Daver

Stalkers protesting against the suspension of a woman from a court case.

ING SALE
W ON
25% DISCOUNTS

Lighting...
and charge...

illet

Pupils choose training schemes over A-levels, MPs' report suggests

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

A drop in the number of young people doing A-level courses has been uncovered by the Commons Select Committee on Education and Science.

It is worried that this may be a direct result of the introduction of the Youth Training Scheme for 16-year-olds.

Its report, published yesterday on the Government's White Paper covering spending plans for the years 1986 to 1989, contains some strong criticism of the lack of proper planning and monitoring by government, and of apparent cuts in repairs and maintenance of schools. It queries the continued fall in the real value of the student grant.

Spending on repairs and maintenance was lower in real terms in 1984-85 than it was in 1981-82, say the MPs in their first report on the Government's annual spending plans.

It suggests that continued reductions in capital allocations, coupled with changes in

the control of current expenditure, have led to lower levels of repairs and maintenance at a time when capital assets are expected to be used over a longer period. The effect of this phenomenon on the quality of life in many schools is increasingly apparent.

The committee, chaired by Sir William van Straubenzee, Conservative MP for Wokingham, and advised by Mr Tony Travers, of North-East London Polytechnic, recommends that the Department of Education and Science examine the quality of school buildings and increase spending if necessary.

The MPs criticize the Government for failing to give local authorities accurate spending figures for more than one year ahead. "It is wholly inconsistent with good management practice that local authorities have no proper plans from the Government for current spending beyond next March," the MPs of both main parties say.

The select committee calls

on the department to look immediately at the fairness of continuing to reduce the value of the student grant. It says the real value of the maintenance grant has fallen by 14.5 per cent in the past seven years, and its cash value is due to rise by only 2.5 per cent in 1987-88 and in 1988-89.

The committee recommends that initiatives such as the Youth Training Scheme may have consequences not foreseen by the Government, such as a fall off in the numbers staying on to do A levels.

"It would be most undesirable if such consequences were not monitored," it says pointedly.

The scheme seems to have led to a cut in the number of people taking A levels, but no one knows because the research is not being done. The figures show a sudden fall-off in the proportion of A-level students as the scheme expanded.

"If the expansion of the scheme has led to a cut in numbers of those undertaking A levels in school, it is in our view essential that the department has some way of knowing that this is the case," the MPs say.

Young people on 'A' level courses and YTS (as percentage of 16-year-old population)

	1979/80	1980/81	1981/82	1982/83	1983/84	1984/85
A-level pupils	19.4	19.6	20.5	20.3	19.6	19.2
YTS/YDP	5.1	9.2	13.0	12.2	22.2	25.8

Space technology: 3

Scientist's vision of promised land

A European organization has been formed to galvanize research into microgravity. Pearce Wright, Science Editor, reports on why its members are so anxious about this field of space research and technology.

Some hard bargaining has begun between the 11 member states of the European Space Agency in Paris, over the direction of future projects.

The French are eager to build a mini-space shuttle called 'Hermes', the British have the revolutionary 'Hotol', a spaceplane devised by Rolls-Royce and British Aerospace, and the space agency's own experts are sympathetic to proposals to conduct experiments into microgravity.

The push for microgravity research comes from a mixture of academic and industrial scientists, who are concerned about the complete lack of work outside the United States. Their proposals follow remarkable discoveries in the field of semiconductors and protein crystals.

Those discoveries were made in American laboratories, working with unique substances produced during flights last year of the American space shuttles.

Since these advances could lead to a revolution in the materials for making supercomputers, exceptionally strong but lightweight structures for cars and aircraft, and the biological molecules of the next generation of drugs and vaccines, the European scientists are pressing for a similar programme of experiments.

Mr Frederick Engström, a director of the European Space Agency, described the subject of microgravity as an unmapped field of research. He told a meeting of space experts in Venice recently: "It may turn out to be the promised land."

His audience included members of the newly-formed organization Inospace, which is anxious to get experiments in space laboratories.

A glimpse of the future came first with a project called the Electrophoresis Operation in Space. It was tested on three shuttle flights, demonstrating a way of separating the different molecules in a specially prepared serum into very pure fractions. The extracts were potential vaccines and hormone products.

The operation in space yielded extracts that contained 700 times more active molecules, and in fractions that had four times the purity than could be obtained with the same process of electrophoresis applied on the ground.

A second experiment enabled scientists to grow ultra-perfect protein crystals that are almost impossible to obtain in the laboratory. This discovery could transform the design of supercomputers, with the sort of impact that the transistor.

The reason why microgravity makes it possible to obtain materials of high purity rests on the better mixing of liquids that occurs in containers in space.

The advantages of microgravity research present a strong argument for the European Space Agency to develop a free-flying laboratory that would be used in conjunction with the international space station planned by the Americans for the later 1990s. It would use the space station as a base to work from, with new and completed experiments carried between the ground and the station by a manned vehicle.

That could be either a Hermes type mini-shuttle, which would be launched on top of Ariane V, or it could be the Hotol spaceplane.

Concluded

Colour relevant to riot reports in Telegraph

The colour of people who took part in the riots in Tottenham, north London, was relevant to reports of court cases about them, the Press Council says today.

The council rejected a complaint by Mr R Borzello, of Camden Passage, north London, against the Daily Telegraph's reporting of cases arising out of the riots. He said it showed an inconsistency in reporting race and colour which was unfair to defendants, particularly black defendants, and specifically prejudicial to racial harmony.

One of the reports said a black boy, aged 15, was remanded to a juvenile court. Another said a black unemployed man, arrested by a bystander who saw him throw a brick at a car, was given a one-month jail sentence suspended for two years.

A report six days later said two teenagers who admitted charges of burglary at supermarkets were fined, and three others, charged with affray, were remanded in custody. The colour of the five was not given.

Mr Borzello asked the editor to explain the paper's policy on mentioning race and colour. Mr Peter Eastwood, then managing editor, replied that it would almost certainly describe the ethnic origin of

the three remanded teenagers when they were dealt with. Mr Borzello said the reply neither addressed itself to his question nor made sense. He concluded the noting of ethnic origins was accidental or arbitrary.

The Press Council's adjudication was: "The council believes that the colour of those involved in the Tottenham riots was relevant to the reports of court cases in the Daily Telegraph arising out of the riots. The colour of the defendants was not given in all the reports cited in the complaint. The Daily Telegraph did, however, compile a comprehensive report of the colour of the defendants in all the cases, among other details, and published it shortly afterwards. This showed that contrary to what was widely accepted at the time a sizeable proportion of the defendants were not black."

The complaint is rejected. The council also ruled on a further complaint by Mr Borzello against the Daily Mirror.

In reporting a court case involving the multiple rape of two girls aged 16 by a gang of youths in Brixton, the newspaper did not identify the colour either of defendants or victims while the case was continuing, but did so in its final report.

The council ruled that the colour of the gang and its victims was irrelevant and upheld his complaint.



Pete Marsh's first public appearance

"Pete Marsh", the remains of an Iron Age man dug up in a Cheshire peat bog two years ago, will be shown to the Prince of Wales today when he opens "Archaeology in Britain", the largest exhibition staged by the British Museum (Gavin Bell writes).

The exhibition, which traces 10,000 years of social history, opens to the public tomorrow.

More properly known as Lindow Man (his popular sobriquet was conferred in deference to his resting place), Pete was unearthed by a peat-cutting machine in 1984. Although the machine cut the body in two, acidity in the soil had preserved his hair and skin and even traces of his last meal, which apparently consisted of wheat and mistletoe.



A reconstruction of the head of "Pete Marsh" (top left), and his remains being examined yesterday by Dr Ian Stead, deputy keeper of prehistoric and Romano-British antiquities at the British Museum (Exhibition photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Man jailed in 'unfair' trial loses cash plea

A wrongly-convicted man, who spent 15 months in prison after an "unfair" trial, was told yesterday that he cannot take his fight for compensation to the High Court.

Mr Gordon Chubb, of Egbert Road, Westgate on Sea, Kent, applied for leave to seek a ruling that he had been denied justice when the Home Secretary, in February, refused him an ex-gratia payment for his imprisonment.

Lord Justice Stephen Brown, sitting with Mr Justice Otton in the Queen's Bench Divisional Court, held that the Home Secretary's decision was not reviewable.

Mr Chubb was jailed for three years at Birkenhead Crown Court in January 1982 for wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. In April 1983, he was freed when the Court of Appeal ruled that the trial judge, in his summing-up, had unfairly failed to remind the jury of any defence evidence given by Mr Chubb and his three witnesses.

Two applications for compensation were refused.

Mr Chubb claimed yesterday that he was entitled to a High Court hearing because his case was similar to those dealt with by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, whose decisions were subject to judicial review.

£50m deal by Land Rover in Australia

Land Rover has won a £50 million order to supply the Australian army with 2,900 all-wheel drive vehicles.

It is the biggest military vehicle contract placed anywhere in the world this year and comes after three years of testing in the Australian outback against competitors from America, Japan and West Germany.

The deal was clinched by the British company's development of a six-wheel drive version of its Land Rover 110. It can carry double the weight of men and weapons as a standard model and cope with the toughest terrain.

Competitors included Mercedes Benz, Jeep, Toyota, Nissan and Mitsubishi, but in the final stages of the trials, codenamed Project Perentie, only Land Rover and Mercedes remained.

The West Germans were confident that their one-ton Gelandewagen and two-ton Unimog "tractor" would carry the day. In the event the Australians chose 2,500 Land Rover 110 four-wheel drive and 400 of the 110 six-wheel drive vehicles because they shared many components and would be easier and cheaper to maintain.

The vehicles will be shipped in kit form and assembled by Jaguar Rover Australia.

"The overheads here are killing my business."

In many of the established regions of the UK, business costs are piling up. Rents, rates, the modernisation and heating of inefficient old buildings, repair bills... they all take their toll of a growing enterprise.

In Wales, things are different. We have ample resources for industry - a wide choice of greenfield sites and ready-to-use factories of varying sizes; a keen, well-trained work force; made-to-measure financial packages. Our domestic and industrial rates do not cause a quick intake of breath. Our housing, although advancing in price year-by-year, is still great value. Wales is a whole country pulling together, a whole country keen to work, keen to give industry what it needs to thrive.

Don't just sit there and watch your business suffer.

Dial 100 and ask for Freefone Wales or send off the coupon.

I want to know about Wales

Name _____ Position _____

Company name _____

Address _____

Tel. _____

Send to: Welsh Development Agency, PO Box 100, Greyfriars Road, Cardiff CF1 1WF

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

... were rejecting the...
 ... Douglas Hind would, these...
 ... emergence, once the second...
 ... votes came into the...
 ... as Sir Geoffrey's...
 ... rival. He holds...
 ... a senior office but...
 ... colleagues at that level...
 ... of both foreign...
 ... domestic affairs, can be...
 ... powerful speaker and...
 ... something of the style of a...
 ... potential leader.

But most people do...
 ... Mrs Thatcher to leave...
 ... after the election. In the...
 ... case the surest would...
 ... Kenneth Baker, the...
 ... Secretary. But much...
 ... would depend upon whether...
 ... the...
 ... was still in office. If...
 ... majority would remain a...
 ... factor. But Sir Geoffrey...
 ... would be...
 ... 63 by the time of a...
 ... election in 1990, which...
 ... would leave Mr Hind...
 ... the man to beat.

I would never rule...
 ... out the...
 ... possibility of George Young...
 ... slipping through almost...
 ... as a...
 ... Douglas Home, and I...
 ... am...
 ... beginning to wonder if...
 ... Baker might, after all...
 ... the appetite for the...
 ... personal popularity...
 ... an obvious...
 ... ship election confined...
 ... to a...
 ... parliamentary party.

But his opportunity...
 ... probably have to come...
 ... at all. The former...
 ... choice...
 ... delayed, the...
 ... Mr Baker...
 ... chances will be...
 ... They...
 ... brightest...
 ... of all...
 ... Conservatives...
 ... were...
 ... in...
 ... opposition...
 ... are...
 ... shaken...
 ... by...
 ... office...
 ... they...
 ... would...
 ... be...
 ... likely...
 ... to...
 ... justify...
 ... political...
 ... search...
 ... for...
 ... some...
 ... who...
 ... stood...
 ... up...
 ... to...
 ... Neil...
 ... Kinnes.

Mr Baker...
 ... would...
 ... be...
 ... judged...
 ... too...
 ... out...
 ... for...
 ... that...
 ... has...
 ... that...
 ... serves...
 ... what...
 ... presentation...
 ... that...
 ... remains...
 ... viable...
 ... in...
 ... the...
 ... long...
 ... run...
 ... of...
 ... the...
 ... party...
 ... is...
 ... a...
 ... little...
 ... white...

room

s collection on records

ice report

is to explore ozone hole

British
TELECOM

LinkLine

WILL LINKLINE MAKE THE COUPON A THING OF THE PAST?

Honestly now. How many coupons have you ever cut out? In our experience most people would rather use the phone.

The only thing that might stop you would be the price of the call.

That's why we've introduced LinkLine 0800, a phone call which can be even cheaper than a coupon. LinkLine 0800 lets your customers

phone free, even if the call's from Midlothian to Land's End.

Small wonder, then, that the Territorial Army have increased their responses by an incredible three times and even increased the quality of the replies since they started using LinkLine.

Figures like this are the reason why so many companies are

putting their faith and their money into LinkLine, and why British Telecom are, too. Call us free on 0800 373 373.

And prove for yourself that the only sensible way to cut out a coupon is not to print it in the first place.

LinkLine

CALL US FREE ON 0800 373 373 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

British
TELECOM

مكذابين الأجرى

South African resistance switches tactics

Whites hit in bomb blast

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg A bomb exploded in a waste-bin at a bus-stop in central Johannesburg yesterday, injuring eight women and two children. One of the injured women was black and all the others were white, as were the two children.

The explosion, about 50 yards from a luxury hotel, brings to 10 the number of bombings in urban areas since June 12, when a state of national emergency was declared. Most of them occurred at places where whites could be expected to figure prominently among the casualties.

There were signs yesterday of mounting anger in the black trade union movement. About 1,000 trade union officials and members are thought to be among the several thousand people estimated to have been detained without trial under the emergency regulations.

Arson attack on apartheid foes

Reports of a midnight petrol bomb attack on the offices of three leading anti-apartheid organizations in Johannesburg have reached church sources in London. It was the second raid during the present state of emergency on Freeway House, which holds the offices of the radical student newspaper Sapu National, the media information centre MARS, and the community research organization CRIC.

The NUM contends that the mining houses, represented by the Chamber of Mines, can well afford to meet its demands after a 36 per cent increase in earnings last year. Of the 565,000 blacks employed on the gold, coal and platinum mines, the NUM claims some 300,000 are signed-up members, of which 150,000 are said to be fully paid-up.

Arson attack on apartheid foes

Building. No one is reported to have been in the building at the time. News continued to reach Europe about the wave of arrests among trade union leaders. In Brussels the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions confirmed that Mr Moses Mafiso, of the Metal and Allied Workers Union, had been arrested.

The NUM delegation will be without its top leaders, who are in jail, in hiding, or abroad. The NUM president, Mr James Motolait, and Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, the general secretary, are in Britain.

The NUM contends that the mining houses, represented by the Chamber of Mines, can well afford to meet its demands after a 36 per cent increase in earnings last year.

Of the 565,000 blacks employed on the gold, coal and platinum mines, the NUM claims some 300,000 are signed-up members, of which 150,000 are said to be fully paid-up.

Meanwhile, leaders of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, of which the NUM is the biggest affiliate, were yesterday reported to be meeting at an undisclosed venue - kept secret for fear of police intervention - in the Johannesburg area to discuss how to respond to the state of emergency.

A Cosatu statement earlier this week said industrial relations "would certainly collapse if trade union leaders are either in detention or forced into hiding". But the Government, it said, seemed "prepared to countenance such industrial chaos in its bid to stamp out all semblance of opposition."

In Pretoria, the Bureau of Information said one person had been killed in the 24 hours to 6 am yesterday "in one of the quietest days" since June 12.



President and Mrs Reagan reacting with some vigour to reporters' questions as they returned to the White House yesterday after a short holiday in California.

Weizsäcker spells out lesson of the Somme

By Patricia Clough

President von Weizsäcker of West Germany said last night that the seventieth anniversary of the Battle of the Somme gave every reason to remember how tensions between Britain and Germany had led to war, destruction and bitter human suffering.

Speaking at a state banquet in Buckingham Palace, the President, who is becoming known as the "conscience of West Germany", said that in particular "we cannot and will not forget the lessons taught us by the deep scars left behind by the Second World War."

Recent decades had proved that friendship between Britain and West Germany had been re-established on a solid foundation, he said.

The President revealed that the Prince and Princess of Wales had accepted an invitation to make an official visit to West Germany next year.

He also announced the creation of two prizes, each worth £3,000, to be awarded every year to a British and a German journalist for the best contribution to understanding between the two countries.

Two scholarships, to enable West German postgraduates to study at Cambridge for a year, have also been set up in memory of Dr Kurt Hahn, the German educationalist who founded Gordonstoun school in Scotland, where the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales studied.

The three-day visit by President von Weizsäcker is the third by a West German President since the war. Whereas the first, by President Heuss in 1958, was designed to demonstrate the reconciliation between Britons and Germans after the war, the current visit is seen as underlining the "maturity" and normality of relations.

Nigerians request extradition of four

By Paul Valley

Within days of the release of two British engineers from jail in Lagos, the Nigerian Government has requested the extradition of four formerly prominent politicians who fled to London after the military coup nearly three years ago.

The Foreign Office has steadfastly refused to make any connection between the two cases but the Nigerian Government, albeit not so vociferously as its predecessor, seems to maintain some link.

The last regime made clear that the continued imprisonment of the two engineers, Mr Kenneth Clark and Mr Angus Patterson, was directly related to the incident in which the British foiled a bizarre attempt to kidnap the former Nigerian Transport Minister, Mr Umaru Dikko, and smuggle him out of England, drugged, in a crate. Until now the present Lagos Government seemed to make no such connection.

The applications for extradition name Mr Adisa Akinloye, chairman of the then ruling National Party of Nigeria, which has since been banned, and the former Finance Minister, Mr Sunday Essang, the former Police Affairs Minister, Mr Emmanuel Osamor, and Mr Ali Makoje, who was once Minister for Steel Development.

A government statement said the men were wanted to answer charges ranging from corruption to abuse of office, offences for which many past officials are already serving long jail terms in Nigeria.

The Nigerians sought the official extradition of Mr Dikko to face corruption charges in 1984. Two years later Britain has yet to agree to his extradition.

Shadows over the Liberty party

From Michael Binyon Washington

President Mitterand will arrive in New York tomorrow for the Statue of Liberty centenary celebrations that have already engulfed the country in political controversy, an unprecedented commercial extravaganza and a sea of patriotic fervour.

The French President will join President Reagan tomorrow evening when Mr Reagan will award the Medal of Liberty to 12 prominent naturalized citizens, and turn on lasers that illuminate the refurbished statue.

Chief Justice Warren Burger will swear in 15,000 immigrant Americans, most in other cities linked by television.

A \$30 million (£20 million) spectacular to be watched by six million spectators in New York has been planned for the Fourth of July weekend. It will include 60,000 boats in New York harbour, 3,100 dinners at \$5,000 a plate, 22 of the world's tallest sailing ships on parade, 76 trombones in the all-American collegiate marching band, 300 jazzercise ladies in leotards, 150 fiddlers, 200 dancing Elvis Presley look-alikes and the largest fireworks display ever mounted, with 10 tons of rockets shooting out from 32 barges in lower Manhattan.

Clouds of controversy have already cast a shadow over all this. There have been strong protests over the participation of the Esmeralda, a Chilean sailing ship that was allegedly used to torture and imprison opponents of General Pinochet in 1973.

The Senate voted to withdraw the invitation, but the House of Representatives did not follow suit. Embarrassingly, it was found that the US Coast Guard vessel, Eagle, leader of the tall ships' parade, was originally built for Hitler as Horst Wessel.

Federal judges in Washington and Los Angeles have also criticized the mass swearing in of immigrants as vulgar and undignified, and said last week they would have no part in it. The cities have therefore been left out of the television hook-up.

The cost of the four-day extravaganza, co-ordinated by the organizer of the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, has also been criticized. The Rev Jesse Jackson is planning to



Mr David Wolper, the man responsible for the Liberty celebrations on Friday, attention with the release of 4,000 pigeons and the cavorting of sportsmen, baseball stars, gymnasts and chorus girls in sequined mini skirts. Despite prophecies of chaos with too many yachts, including several chartered palaces to entertain the rich at \$1,000 a head, too few portable lavatories, too much traffic and too many robberies, and despite the efforts of special vigilante squads, New York and all America is looking forward to it all with growing enthusiasm.

Honduras envoy is replaced

Washington - The United States is replacing its ambassador to Honduras, reportedly because he has not adequately represented Washington's increasingly hard line towards neighbouring Nicaragua (Christopher Thomas writes).

Mr John Ferch, who was appointed less than a year ago, was notified a few days after the House of Representatives approved new aid of \$100 million to the Nicaraguan Contras last week.

Appeal by IRA men fails

The Hague (UPI) - Two Irish Republican Army fugitives held in Holland came closer to extradition yesterday when the Dutch Supreme Court rejected their appeals. The decision means Gerard Kelly will have to re-state his

case against extradition to Britain before the High Court on September 10. The judges overruled an Amsterdam District Court decision in March which found Kelly's extradition was inadmissible. The decision upheld a lower

court ruling that would allow Brendan McFarlane to be extradited to resume serving a life sentence in Northern Ireland. It also overturned the lower court's decision that his extradition to face further charges was not proper.

Marcos denies golf cheating

Manila (Reuters) - Former President Marcos, whose war heroism and financial dealings are already under close scrutiny, has denied in an angry letter to a Manila newspaper that he cheats at golf. Columnist Dindo Gonzalez of Business Day had accused Mr Marcos of signing false golf scores to lower his handicap. Mr Marcos accused Mr Gonzalez of spreading "crude lies about my golf".

Killer rain

Dhaka - Torrential rain for the last three days in south-eastern Bangladesh has killed 12 people and made more than 20,000 homeless as rivers triggered landslides, inundated villages and washed away crops.

Shelling claim

Athens - Greece claimed yesterday that the Turkish navy had fired two shells near a Cypriot cruise ship sailing in the high seas east of Rhodes, and said it would denounce the harassment to international organizations.

Death plunge

Oslo (Reuters) - John Raymond Foster, aged 39, from Melbourne, was killed when he attempted to parachute from a 2,460ft Norwegian mountain.

'Spy' expelled

Stockholm (Reuters) - An unnamed Soviet trade official expelled by Sweden for "activities incompatible with his official duties" was spying on a £2 billion programme to build a new fighter plane, government sources said.

Kisses for General Jaruzelski

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Mr Mikhail Gorbachev kissed General Wojciech Jaruzelski again yesterday. They were on the podium in the cramped conference hall of the Karol Swierczewski precision tool factory and the General, the Polish leader, had just sworn loyalty and undying friendship with the Soviet Union, had raised cheers for Comrade Gorbachev and then, in the nature of such events, they embraced.

It is hot and sticky in Warsaw, bad weather for body contact, but the time has come to show that Poland is again an important voice in the Warsaw Pact, that Solidarity has been forgiven and forgotten. For the time being this is more important for Mr Gorbachev than sending signals, hot and cold, to the West. The workers at such meetings often find themselves part

eral Jaruzelski talked about the importance of work, and quality, and the blessing of Polish-Soviet friendship. Out of the 300 probably a quarter belonged to various security services - the Polish industrial security, the VIP protection bureau, BOR, the KGB - easier to spot than usual because in the heat they wear jackets, do not sing The Internationale, do not clap, do not wave red paper flags. If they had not been police, they would have been subversives. Mr Edmund Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, also sits staring at the Polish working class. Perhaps he is wondering when he will meet Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State. Perhaps not. He gets no clue from Mr Gorbachev. But this was not the week of big East-West initiatives. It was a time of forgiveness and forgetting for the Polish workers led astray by Solidarity.

Advertisement for Nefax featuring an airplane illustration and various flight-related phrases: COURIER WITH CHICKEN POX, SPANISH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL STRIKE, FOG AT KENNEDY AIRPORT, FUEL LEAK IN NUMBER 3 ENGINE, STRANGE FOREIGN CUSTOMS, FLY ME TO BEIRUT, FLY ME TO CUBA, CAN ANYBODY BACK THERE FLY THIS THING? PACKAGE LEFT IN OVERHEAD LOCKER.

9 hiccups that can't affect a Nefax.

If your business doesn't have a Nefax, it doesn't stand an earthly. To speed your thoughts in words and pictures around the planet takes our machines as little as 12 seconds. Operating takes nearer 6 seconds. And a Nefax is so reliable, you won't even have to think about it. (Call to 01-200 0200 will reveal all.) If your competitors have installed a Nefax, how long can you possibly stay airborne?



Nothing can outfax a Nefax.



Figures this reason mies and money Telecom 873 373 that the coupon

WILL NOTHING MAKE YOUR DREAM COME TRUE?

0%

APR

FINANCE ON THE PEUGEOT 309 GL1.3.



There's no need to pinch yourself. Until August 31st you really can buy a Peugeot 309 GL 1.3, at list price of £6,360, with 0% APR finance over 12 months.

Which means there'll never be a better time to experience for yourself the qualities that have made the British-built 309 such a huge success. Qualities like its superb suspension. Its intelligent, spacious design. And its remarkable fuel economy (on an RAC observed test a 309 SR travelled no less than 698 miles on a single tank of fuel). But, as you can see, the 0% APR deal is only one of many low finance packages available on the 309 GL 1.3. And there are further offers across the rest of the 309 range. To find out more, call in at your nearest Peugeot Talbot dealer.

He'll show you how much Peugeot has to offer. And also, of course, how little.

309 GL1.3: THREE TYPICAL EXAMPLES

FLAT RATE P.A.	0%	4.75%	6.0%
APR	0%	9.4%	11.9%
LIST PRICE <i>(Including on road costs)</i>	6530.00	6530.00	6530.00
DEPOSIT (MIN 30%)	1958.96	1958.96	1958.96
REPAYMENT PERIOD	12 MTHS	24 MTHS	36 MTHS
FINANCE CHARGES	NIL	434.16	822.48
MONTHLY PAYMENTS	380.92	208.55	149.82
CUSTOMER SAVINGS <i>Over credit provider's normal interest rates of 12% p.a. flat (23.8% apr)</i>	548.52	662.88	822.96
TOTAL CREDIT PRICE	6530.00	6964.16	7352.48



PEUGEOT TALBOT 1986 WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONS

PEUGEOT 309

THE LION GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.

FOR A WRITTEN QUOTATION, CONTACT PEUGEOT TALBOT CREDIT, PO BOX 75, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON WC2B 5DP (LICENCED BROKERS). PEUGEOT TALBOT MOTOR CO LTD PRICE CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS (EXCLUDES DELIVERY AND NUMBER PLATES). CREDIT AVAILABILITY SUBJECT TO STATUS. TANK CAPACITY, 309 SR 12 GALLONS. OFFICIAL D O E FIGURES FOR PEUGEOT 309 G R PROFILE. M P G (L/100 KM) 58.9 (4.8) AT A CONSTANT 56 MPH. 44.8 (8.3) AT A CONSTANT 75 MPH. 36.7 (7.7) SIMULATED URBAN CYCLE. FOR 309 SR 55.4 (5.1) AT A CONSTANT 56 MPH. 42.2 (8.7) AT A CONSTANT 75 MPH. 33.2 (8.5) SIMULATED URBAN CYCLE. TANK CAPACITY SR 12.1 GALLONS (55 LITRES).

FOR A COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION PACK ON THE 309 RANGE, TELEPHONE 0272 217205.

Pope st
peac
amid fe

Killings by
Shin Bet
authorized

US judge
to pay fo

Singapore op

Pope starts Colombian peace pilgrimage amid fears for his safety

From Geoffrey Matthews Bogota

The Pope arrived here yesterday at the start of a week-long visit to Colombia amid fears for his personal safety and desperate hopes that he may somehow work a miracle by bringing peace to this violent country.

Peace is the theme of the Pope's latest Latin American pilgrimage. It was also the elusive dream of President Belisario Betancur, who greeted him at Bogota's international airport.

In a few weeks time, President Betancur will leave office after a four-year term during which he continually sought peace with the nation's various guerrilla groups.

That policy came to an abrupt end last November, when members of the left wing April 19 Movement (M-19) defiantly stormed the Palace of Justice here. The occupation and Army counter-action, claimed 95 lives.

The Pope will travel widely in this country, which is twice the size of France and has a population of 28 million.

The most dramatic and moving moment will come on Sunday, when he is due to visit the scene of the second catastrophe which rocked Colombia last November — the

The Pope's itinerary
July 2: Bogota
July 3: Chiquinquirá
July 4: Tumaco, Popayan, Cali
July 5: Pereira, Chinchiná, Medellín
July 6: Armero, Bucaramanga, Cartagena
July 7: Cartagena, Barranquilla

eruption of the Nevado del Ruiz volcano.

He plans to celebrate Mass in the wilderness that is all that is left of the small town of Armero which was buried by flash floods and mud-slides. The Mass will be for the repose of some 25,000 souls who perished in the disaster.

But both the Church and the Government have agreed that the service, which is expected to be attended by tens of thousands, will be called off if there is any danger of a new eruption.

Meanwhile, M-19 has pledged to curb its activities. In a letter delivered to the Vatican last week, M-19 said it would maintain a ceasefire during the Pope's visit and appealed to him to help end the civil war by meeting M-19 leaders.

However, the Vatican has ruled out any such encounter, insisting that it was too late to

change the Pope's tight schedule, and that "anyway, he does not talk to men with weapons in their hands."

Despite the guerrilla group's ceasefire commitment, fears persist that the publicity-conscious M-19 will not be able to pass up the chance of capitalizing on a week in which Colombia will be in the focus of international media attention.

The Pope soon became aware of the complexities of the Colombian political situation when at a reception in his honour at the Presidential Palace last night he met representatives of the pro-Moscow Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Farc), often called the armed wing of the Colombian Communist Party and formerly the country's biggest guerrilla group.

Farc has honoured a series of ceasefire pacts with the Government and fielded a candidate at the recent presidential election, increasing three-fold the left's traditional electoral support.

The Pope also met the Liberal Party's triumphant candidate in the presidential election, Señor Virgilio Barco Vargas, who will succeed President Betancur, an independent conservative, on August 7.



Colombian Palace Guards drilling with assault rifles and bayonets in Bogota in preparation for the Pope's visit

K2 'claims lives of six more climbers'

By Ronald Faux

Four American and two French climbers are reported to have died on K2 (28,250ft), the world's second highest mountain. Pakistan authorities are trying to gather more details of the accidents from Skardu, the capital of the remote region.

A Pakistan press agency report said the four American climbers, including expedition leader Mr John Smolich, died in an accident between their first and second camps, and Mr Maurice Barrard and his wife, Lillian, died while descending from the fourth camp.

Mr Brian Hall, a British mountaineer from Stockport, who returned recently after injuring a leg on the British Falder's K2 expedition, said yesterday there was a large number of expeditions in the area.

The American expedition was climbing the south pillar, which was also being attempted by an Italian soloist and another Italian team called Himalayan 8,000. This was a mass attempt to conquer all the 8,000 metre peaks in the Himalayas within five years.

Mr Hall said: "There seemed to be every nationality under the sun out there and a war was being waged between India and Pakistan only 10 miles away."

Kuwait Cabinet ministers quit

Kuwait (Reuter) — Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister said yesterday he and several members of the Government had submitted their resignations to the Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad al-Abdulla al-Sabah, the Kuwait news agency Kuna said.

Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah, who is also Foreign Minister, gave no reason for the resignations.

Three ministers, responsible for oil, finance and communications, were scheduled next week to face cross-examination in the National Assembly over the conduct of their ministries.

The Oil Minister, Sheikh Ali al-Khalifa al-Sabah, has already faced heated questioning in Parliament over explosions at the emirate's main oil refinery last month, which the Government implied was sabotage.

He had previously been under persistent attack in the Chamber over his handling of oil affairs.

The 16-member Cabinet, including Sheikh Saad, was formed in March last year.

The Oil Minister, a royal family member, is accused by some deputies of failing to take adequate precautions for the safety of vital oil installations.

Criticism has also been voiced of the Finance Minister, Mr Jassim Muhammad al-Khorafi, over the work of a state-appointed committee set up under his predecessor to help resolve a debt crisis caused by a stock-market crash in 1982.

The crash, which came after post-dated cheques used for speculative forward trading started to bounce, left some \$95 billion (£62 billion) of debt in default.

Iran claims battle win

Bahrain (Reuter) — Both sides in the Gulf war reported heavy fighting yesterday around Mehran, an Iranian border town seized by Iraqi forces six weeks ago.

An Iraqi communiqué said that an Iranian attempt to retake the town had been thwarted, but fighting continued, while later Iranian communiques spoke of "remarkable victories", with hundreds of Iraqi casualties and the destruction of two Iraqi brigade headquarters. The na-

tional news agency IRNA said dozens of square miles had been "liberated".

Iraq seized Mehran for the second time on May 17. The town, 106 miles east of Baghdad in the south-central section of the front, is believed to have been cleared of civilians early in the war.

Iraq's thrust across the border marked a change of tactics, after Iran's February occupation of the strategic southern tip of Iraq's Faw peninsula, at the head of the Gulf.

Killings by Shin Bet authorized

From Ian Murray Jerusalem

Mr Avraham Shalom, the head of Shin Bet, Israel's counter-intelligence agency, was given permission for everything the agency did after it was given custody of two Palestinians captured in a bus hijacking two years ago.

Mr Shalom and three of his senior colleagues were granted a presidential pardon after allegations that he ordered the killing of the two Palestinians and then masterminded a cover-up of what happened at two official inquiries.

A letter from Mr Shalom to President Chaim Herzog was offered in evidence at the High Court of Justice here, where five petitions are being heard for the pardon to be withdrawn and a proper investigation.

In the letter he said: "My actions were carried out on authority and with permission so as to maintain the security of the state and to prevent disclosure of its most guarded secrets."

Mr Shalom's immediate boss at the time of the killings was Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud faction leader, who was then Prime Minister.

According to Labour Party ministers, many of whom are still pressing for some kind of inquiry, Mr Shamir in fact gave the Shin Bet a general approval to kill terrorists, even if he did not give specific instructions in this case.

Mr Shimon Peres, the present Prime Minister, has sought to defuse the inquiry question by suggesting a compromise of a secret investigation to be carried out by a single senior military officer. The investigation would concentrate on the role of politicians in the affair.

Since the Knesset voted overwhelmingly on Monday night to throw out five no-confidence motions in the Government tabled by minor parties, the political battle is to be resumed in the Cabinet where Mr Peres's compromise idea has already found favour among both Labour and some Likud members.

Hearings before the High Court were continuing yesterday, including that into a request by Mr Rafi Malka, who was suspended from the Shin Bet after complaining about the Palestinian affair to Mr Peres, for reinstatement.

Nurses hot up strike in Israel

From Our Own Correspondent Jerusalem

Israel's 11,000 hospital nurses intensified their strike yesterday by withdrawing the few who had remained on duty to provide care in specialist and emergency units. Their militant action has now been followed by 6,000 clinic nurses, ambulance drivers and social workers.

Strike leaders were told yesterday that the Government would not negotiate a separate pay deal. The nurses were particularly angered by the Treasury's Director of Wage and Labour Agreements, Mr Hillel Dudai, who said: "Most hospitals are beginning to get along without them anyway."

Hospitals have been sending home 90 per cent of patients and refusing hundreds of new admissions while doctors and volunteers try to care for patients who cannot be moved. Conditions in psychiatric and geriatric units are deteriorating.

Clinic nurses yesterday followed their hospital colleagues by demanding their own trade union outside the Histadrut labour organization, which runs three-quarters of the hospitals and clinics in the country and is both employer and trade union representative.

The ambulance drivers have decided to take selective strike action. They went on a hunger strike three days ago because the Government failed to honour a wage increase agreed last month. Those continuing to report for work are getting too weak to carry patients on stretchers or to push wheelchairs.

The social workers' strike was sparked by the murder of a young, pregnant social worker who was stabbed to death on Monday afternoon by a man furious with her for shielding his wife. Mrs Sara Zilberstein, head of the Social Workers' Association, blamed the death on the national economic situation.

"We warned over and over again about deterioration of social conditions, growth in unemployment and growing social tensions. But the authorities did nothing, in fact, they cut welfare budgets to make our task even harder," she said.

US judge tells Kremlin to pay for spy libel

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

In the first such ruling, a Los Angeles judge ordered the Soviet Government to pay a California businessman more than \$413,000 (£266,000) because *Izvestia* falsely accused him of being a spy.

Mr Raphael Gregorian, the owner of a medical equipment import-export firm, said his business was destroyed when the newspaper labelled him a US spy in 1984.

His lawyer, Mr Gerald Kroll, admitted it may be difficult to collect the damages from the Russians.

The judge awarded \$250,000 in damages for libel, plus \$163,000 for medical supplies the Russians received but had not paid for when Mr Gregorian was barred from the Soviet Union after publication of the article.

A naturalized American who was born in the Soviet Union, Mr Gregorian said the spy charges were in retaliation for the detention of Russian emigrés Nikolai and Svetlana Ogorodnikov in connection with the arrest of former FBI agent Richard Miller on spying charges.

Singapore opens tallest hotel

Singapore (Reuter) — Towering high above the Singapore skyline, the 73-storey Westin Stamford Hotel opened yesterday with a citation from the *Guinness Book of Records* as the world's tallest hotel. The 742ft hotel is 19ft taller

er, the Westin Peachtree, in Atlanta, Georgia.

The 1,253-room cylindrical giant — Singapore's largest hotel — is offering a 40 per cent discount on all rooms because of the combined effects of falling tourism and an

Let IBM manage your communications system
and you'll have lines where you want them, not where you don't

When you use a network service which is managed by IBM, you won't have much to worry about. You'll have the most highly qualified professionals working for you. With all the technical resource of IBM behind them. We will implement and manage a network for your company which works internally, and can link your company to services you need or to other companies in the same field. We'll install it. We'll maintain it. We'll train your staff to use it. It's even down to us to keep it in line with the latest technology. So that when something new comes along, you won't be stuck with equipment you can't use. To find out more, why not contact Rob Billington, Business Network Services, IBM United Kingdom Limited, 389 Chiswick High Road, London W4 4AL. Telephone 01-995 1441. All you have to worry about now is finding a pen.

E?

1.3.



11.9

30

Renton appeal on hangings passed down to courts

From Our Own Correspondent, Kuala Lumpur

Britain yesterday appealed to Malaysia for clemency for Kevin Barlow, the British-born Australian who faces imminent death for drug trafficking.

The plea, made by Mr Timothy Renton, the junior Foreign Minister, followed one by Australia asking that the death sentences for Barlow and compatriot Brian Chambers be commuted to life imprisonment.

Before leaving for Singapore after a three-day visit here, Mr Renton said he agreed with the general Malaysian premise that "drug traffickers deserve very tough measures". He said, however, that he appealed for Barlow's life on humanitarian grounds.

Mr Renton, who made his plea to Mr Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen, the Malaysian Foreign Minister, said he was told the matter was up to the courts but Britain's message would be passed on.

Since the two lost their appeal for clemency 10 days ago, their lawyers have returned to the courts to challenge the legality of the rejection. They have also initiated fresh action for stays of execution.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Malaysian Prime Minister, yesterday warned foreigners against using Malaysia as a staging post

for trafficking in heroine and other dangerous drugs, saying those who were caught should expect no mercy.

But Mr Tunku Abdul Rahman, the 83-year-old former Prime Minister and country's founding father, has suggested in his weekly newspaper column that passing death sentences on young men and women could be inhuman. He wrote that the Government should temper justice with mercy, especially in cases like those of Barlow and Chambers, "who were obviously caught on information received".

His, though, is a lone voice in Malaysia. The mood is against clemency for the Australians. One newspaper editorial demanded they be hanged forthwith. Letters to the editor generally are hostile to a commutation.

There is also the realization, however, that the Government will lose its nerve if the hangings are delayed much longer.

Informed sources said yesterday that the Conference of Rulers, a quarterly meeting of the country's nine rulers and four governors, will discuss the case at their three-day meeting which begins today.

Language aid: Britain will give £1.25 million this year to help improve English language education in this former British colony (AP reports).



President Alfonsín of Argentina admires the World Cup, brought to the Presidential Palace in Buenos Aires by the man who played a large part in winning it for Argentina, their captain and superstar, Diego Maradona, right.

US will tighten squeeze on Gadaffi

From Mohsin Ali Washington

The US plans to tighten economic sanctions against Libya following the termination on Monday of Libyan operations by the five American oil companies which did business there, senior administration officials said yesterday.

The five companies - Occidental, Marathon, Amerada Hess, Conoco and W R Grace - are now complying fully with Mr Reagan's executive order of January 7, which bans all US trade with Libya.

Officials said the Administration would pursue efforts to broaden its embargo to include a ban on imports of refined petroleum products that contain Libyan crude oil.

They expected the Administration to begin talks with about ten countries - primarily in Western and Eastern Europe - to work out a system that might require them to certify that refined products

exported to the United States contained no Libyan crude.

The American companies' pull-out meant only a book-keeping change, since they had withdrawn the last of their American personnel years ago and have not derived any revenues from Libyan operations for some time.

Libyan killed in France

Versailles (AFP) - A masked commando team shot and killed a Libyan industrialist on Monday night in a suburb west of Paris.

Police said Mr Mohamed Bouzou, aged 54, was shot after the gunmen broke into

his home just before midnight.

Informed sources said Mr Bouzou was related to a minister in the government of King Idris I, the Libyan monarch who was overthrown in the military coup led by Colonel Gaddafi in 1969.

Diverse views on Single Act

Testing time for European unity



Inside the EEC Part 3

For the next six months, Britain holds the presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers. In the last of three articles, Richard Owen reports from Brussels on some of the problems that ministers will face as they chair meetings of the Council.

When the EEC flag (12 gold stars on a blue background) was unfurled in May outside the EEC Commission, M Jacques Delors, the French President of the Commission, painted a glowing picture of future European unity.

He spoke movingly of the late Altiero Spinelli, the Italian MEP and bearded prophet of a united Europe, whose vision lay behind the European Parliament's report on European union and partly inspired the Single European Act. "Ah", sighed M Delors, "if only the Single Act could be fully implemented in all its aspects".

"Ah", anti-marketiers in Denmark or Britain might reply, "if only it could not!". With Britain having taken over the presidency of the Council of Ministers from The Netherlands, some of Britain's EEC partners are asking whether Mrs Thatcher shares even a small part of the Spinelli vision, or whether she counts herself among those who hope the Single Act will prove to be worth less than the paper it was written on at Luxembourg.

Whatever Mrs Thatcher may wish, and however Britain chooses to interpret the Luxembourg reforms, two of the reform measures are already becoming a reality: majority voting in the Council of Ministers, which meets in Brussels and Luxembourg, and greater powers for the European Parliament, which sits at Strasbourg.

It will fall to British ministers to chair some particularly contentious EEC councils in the next six months. Sir Geoffrey Howe, as the president, inherits the question of EEC sanctions against South Africa and the trade war with America, together with any other foreign issues which arise unexpectedly, as Libyan terrorism and Chernobyl did under the Dutch presidency.

Mr Michael Jopling, as Agriculture Minister, has the unenviable task of putting into practice Mrs Thatcher's declared aim of reforming the wasteful and expensive Common Agricultural Policy and reducing the food surpluses, while protecting his British farmers.

Mr Nigel Lawson, as Chancellor, takes the chair at finance councils with a brief to put an end to what earlier this year he called "horrific EEC overspending", while also somehow agreeing a budget for 1987.

But under the Single Act, key economic and internal market questions (though not foreign issues) no longer require unanimity in the Council of Ministers for proposals to become law.

Qualified majority voting

does not come into force, technically, until all EEC parliaments have ratified the Act. But even under the Dutch presidency the Council began to behave as if majority voting were a reality.

Britain will thus preside over the dwindling of the national veto, which has been used since the "Luxembourg compromise" of 1966 to block EEC laws judged to be contrary to a "vital national interest".

This seems likely to reinforce the impression in Britain that decisions are being taken by "Brussels", even when what is meant is a decision by the twelve as a whole.

For Westminster, the answer lies in closer scrutiny of EEC decisions by national parliaments. But the directly-elected members of the European Parliament, including British Euro-MPs, see a solution in greater control by the elected representatives of the peoples of the Twelve at Strasbourg.

Is this realistic? In the short term, almost certainly not. Under the Single Act, the European Parliament has a second reading of legislation. But it is still primarily a



Mr Jopling: In the agriculture hot-seat.

consultative rather than decision-making body. Euro-MPs tirelessly promote their views and activities. But many are elected on a very low turnout (not least in Britain), and despite an injection of high quality MEPs from Spain and Portugal, they tend to be of lower calibre than deputies to national parliaments.

Above all the European Parliament, despite its palatial premises and lavish expenses, still has no say at all in farm spending in the EEC budget, which accounts for by far the bulk of the EEC expenditure.

Nothing Britain can do in its brief period of office seems likely to reverse this process, under which power in the EEC continues to shift to Brussels institutions without a corresponding rise in the power of popularly-elected bodies over the growing EEC bureaucracies.

Greek group charged over radio challenge

From Mario Modiano, Athens

A group of prominent Greek intellectuals, who went on the air on Monday to challenge the state monopoly of radio and television, have been charged under the radio piracy law and face jail terms of up to five years.

Their radio station, calling itself "Channel 15", after article 15 of the constitution which they invoked, broadcast for about 70 minutes while a public prosecutor and the police were trying to switch off the station and confiscate the equipment.

Seventeen of the 34 members of the self-styled "Action Group for a Free Radio and Television", present at the time, assumed collective responsibility. They were detained briefly.

They included writers, journalists and lawyers, as well as Mr Phaidon Vegleris, Professor Emeritus of Constitutional Law at Athens University. Their political affiliations cover a broad spectrum of

ideologies from right to left. The group argues that although article 15 of the constitution refers to the "direct control" of the state on radio and television, this right is not specifically exclusive.

They have appealed to the Council of State, the highest administrative tribunal, to declare unconstitutional the decrees banning private stations.

Successive Greek governments have zealously maintained exclusive control of the audio-visual media. In recent years the Socialist Government has even opposed a European Community project for a European satellite television station, on the ground that this could threaten Greece's cultural identity.

This argument was invoked again yesterday by a government spokesman. He said everyone was entitled to his opinion, but there was a procedure for changing the laws and that went through Parliament.

Party chiefs in Zimbabwe to tighten belts

Harare - All "excess" property belonging to Central Committee members of Zimbabwe's ruling Zanu(PF) is to be confiscated and handed over to the party (Jan Raath writes).

The Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation reported yesterday that the move would be in terms of Zanu(PF)'s austere leadership code, which prohibits officials from owning more than 50 acres of land or from engaging in private business.

Observers believe the measure could greatly increase the ruling party's financial resources. Since independence party leaders have indulged themselves by buying hotels, off-

Pakistan foils Sri Lankan white slavers

Islamabad - A Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman said here yesterday that 147 Sri Lankans, most of them girls, who arrived in Karachi on Monday, have been banned from entering the country and have been ordered to return to Sri Lanka (Hasan Akhtar writes).

The Government action followed Pakistani press reports that unscrupulous white slavers in Sri Lanka and Pakistan had lured Sri Lankan girls to Pakistan with the promise of jobs.

Karachi police had taken 93 Sri Lankan girls into custody on June 24, upon their arrival in the city.

Earlier, police had rounded up another 25 Sri Lankan girls



British Rail doesn't stop here any more.

You'll find many journeys far easier when you're travelling between the North-West and the South, across London. Because now you can make the trip in one train, without the midway dash from one terminus to another.

Just stay comfortably on board and you'll find yourself travelling the new InterCity Cross-London line. Passing through the freshly redecorated Kensington Olympia station. And on to your final destination in Kent, Surrey or Sussex. (There is even a direct link to Gatwick.)

In the next year or two, we'll also be reopening the Snow Hill Tunnel, which runs under the City of London to resurface at Blackfriars. This new Thames Link service will allow yet more direct journeys to the South. 184 new coaches are being built to operate it.

It's all part of BR's five-year renewal programme, finding new solutions to old travelling problems. Though we hope you'll agree London is one problem we're getting round very neatly.



مكتبة من القبول

Single Act
Time for
unity

Inside
the EEC
Part 3

...not come into force...
...until all...
...have ratified...
...But even under...
...the Council...
...in behave as if...
...majority...
...a reality.

...Britain will thus...
...over the...
...the...
...and since the...
...of 1966 to...
...EEC laws...
...to be...
...to a...
...national...
...interest.

...This seems...
...likely to...
...since the...
...impression...
...in...
...that...
...decisions...
...are...
...being...
...taken...
...by...
...the...
...even...
...what...
...is...
...in...
...the...
...Twelve...
...as...
...a...
...whole.

...For...
...Westminster...
...the...
...so...
...very...
...lies...
...in...
...clear...
...scrutiny...
...of...
...EEC...
...decisions...
...by...
...national...
...parliaments...
...But...
...the...
...directly...
...elected...
...members...
...of...
...the...
...European...
...Parliament...
...including...
...British...
...Euro-...
...MPs...
...see...
...a...
...solution...
...in...
...greater...
...control...
...by...
...the...
...elected...
...representatives...
...of...
...the...
...Twelve...
...at...
...Strasbourg.

...Is...
...this...
...realistic...
...?...
...In...
...the...
...short...
...term...
...almost...
...certainly...
...not...
...Under...
...the...
...Single...
...Act...
...the...
...European...
...Parliament...
...has...
...a...
...second...
...reading...
...of...
...legislation...
...But...
...it...
...is...
...still...
...primarily...
...a...
...technical...
...exercise...



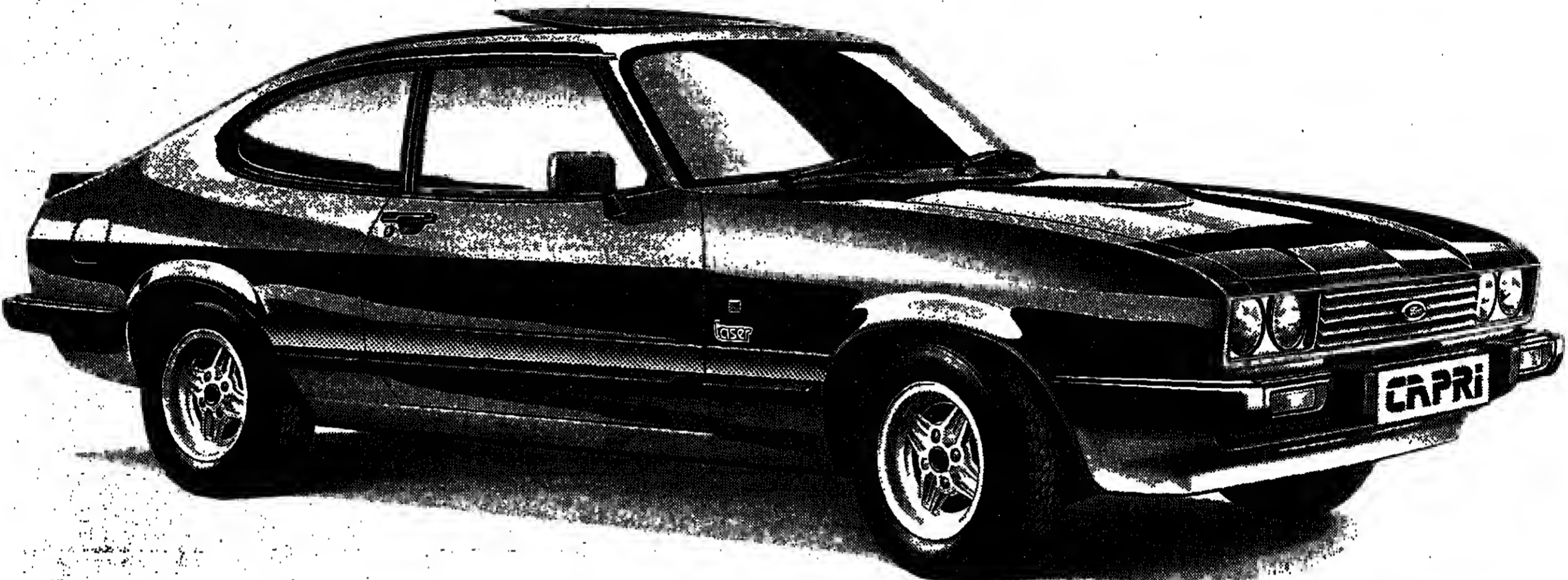
...Mr...
...has...
...agreed...
...to...
...submit...
...to...
...the...
...Parliament...
...for...
...its...
...approval...
...before...
...the...
...Parliament...
...can...
...take...
...any...
...action...
...under...
...the...
...Act...

up charged
challenge

...The...
...has...
...been...
...a...
...major...
...concern...
...of...
...the...
...Government...
...and...
...the...
...Parliament...
...has...
...been...
...a...
...major...
...concern...
...of...
...the...
...Government...
...and...
...the...
...Parliament...
...has...
...been...
...a...
...major...
...concern...
...of...
...the...
...Government...
...and...
...the...
...Parliament...

Pakistan foils
Sri Lankan
white slavers

The classic Capri of '86. The tempting price of '84.



RIGHT NOW, ALL CAPRIS ARE AT AUGUST '84 PRICES.*
YOU SAVE £714 ON A 1600 LASER.**
YOU SAVE £759 ON A 2000 LASER.**
YOU SAVE £1,099 ON AN INJECTION SPECIAL.**

Now the price of personality and performance is appreciably less thanks to these special summer prices on the whole Capri range.

The Capri is still very much a winning machine on the race track and it was described in an April '86 Motor, as a "Driver's car par excellence." No wonder Ford have invested so much in it.

The 2.8 Injection Special is a charismatic coupé with its Recaro front seats, leather seat surrounds, leather trimmed steering wheel and gear knob, sunroof and radio/stereo cassette player. Not to mention those alloy wheels and the limited slip differential.

As for performance, let's just say that the 2.8 injection engine gives it a top speed of 130 mph† with acceleration to match.

Mind you, the Capri Laser is no mean performer on the road, and comes equipped to do you proud.

So, if you fancy driving one of the real cult cars of the '80's, see your Ford dealer now. An '86 Capri at an '84 price can be yours, but only until August 31st 1986.



*Max. price excl. delivery and number plates. **Based on max. prices as at June '86 and mid August '84. †Ford computed figures.

Castro cracks down after brief flirtation with reform

From Robert Powell of Reuters, Havana

After Havana's brief affair with cautious reform, ideological purity is back in fashion in Cuba.

With the country's state-controlled economy still in disarray, many of the innovations introduced in the early 1980s are being dropped hurriedly by a government anxious about their political and social consequences.

After taking a hard look at what went wrong, President Chastet decided that these experiments with a more liberal form of economic management merely created a new class of wealthy people and encouraged corruption, crime and profiteering.

The drive for a revival of socialist idealism and an administrative battle against chronic inefficiency began with a keynote speech by Dr. Castro in April, on the anniversary of the formal proclamation of socialism in Cuba.

He attacked corruption and profiteering, especially in the construction industry, the housing market and the special markets where small farmers were allowed to sell some produce directly to the public at uncontrolled prices.

Since then, the farmers' markets have been taken over by the state, and the Government has banned the direct sale of housing between individuals, which it began encouraging only two years ago.

The Government's latest move is a clampdown on incentive payments for workers, instituted in 1973.

Dr. Castro told a recent two-day meeting of government leaders, industrial managers and trade unionists in Havana that bonus payments should

only be made to workers in the productive sector who showed tangible improvements in the quality as well as the quantity of their output.

He accused some workers of earning huge salaries as a result of bonus payments that were artificial and without meaning.

He also criticized Cuba's several thousand self-employed craft workers and tradesmen, who have been licensed to work on their own account since 1981. In remarks which appeared to preface an official clampdown on their activities, he accused them of being parasites on the public sector of the economy.

Dr. Castro asked the 3,500 people gathered in Havana's Karl Marx Theatre whether a Communist should possess a licence to be self-employed, and received a resounding "no" in reply.

Summing up Cuba's economic reforms in recent years, he concluded: "I am not saying that everything was incorrect, but a whole series of errors were committed and unquestionably these included errors of concept and ideology."

The recent two-day conference in Havana also considered problems hindering economic efficiency, such as absenteeism, over-stocking, poor accounting practices and the long delays experienced in completing several key projects. But it came up with few solutions.

Its main decisions were to promote more voluntary work in the spirit of the early years of Cuba's revolution and to revive the "micro-brigades" of unemployed and temporarily laid-off workers, which were formed at that time to undertake neighbourhood construction projects.

Meanwhile, Dr. Castro expressed concern at the steady growth of Cuba's public sector bureaucracy from 90,000 in 1973 to 250,000 today, and spoke of a need to rationalize the flow of often meaningless statistics which it produced.

But there are so far no signs of the far-reaching reform of the state's economic management structures which Dr. Castro promised at a congress of the Communist Party last February.

Auschwitz twins threaten Bonn fast

Berlin (AFP) - One hundred twins who survived experiments on them by the notorious SS doctor, Joseph Mengele at the Nazi death camp Auschwitz, threatened yesterday to go on hunger strike outside the Bundestag (Parliament) if the West German Government continues to refuse them compensation and medical aid.

Mrs Vera Krigel, representing an Israel-based organization fighting for their cause, said that 1,500 twins were killed in Auschwitz by Dr Mengele.

Her organization represents 100 survivors of the 180 twins - babies and infants - who were found alive when the camp was liberated in 1945.

She told a press conference here: "Eight of these survivors are seriously ill from the after-effects of these experiments, and they need \$20,000 for operations and treatment if they are to live. But they have only received a few thousand marks, the same amount given to ordinary prisoners to cover their time in the camp."

Mrs Krigel, herself a twin freed from the camp in the age of seven, asked: "Does the German Government want to wait until they die off one by one? If they do nothing, then I will bring these 100 twins to Bonn where they will go on hunger strike, chained outside the Bundestag."



Mrs Krigel showing a Berlin press conference her Auschwitz medical experiments card, signed by Dr Mengele.

Abe joins race to succeed Nakasone

From David Watts, Tokyo

Mr Shintaro Abe, Japan's Foreign Minister, is to run for the premiership in autumn, finally announcing yesterday what everyone has known for some time.

He made the announcement at an election press conference not long after reporting a breakthrough on Japanese visits to graves on the Soviet-occupied Northern Islands. He said he had found a "sense of mission" in the campaign trail.

Under an understanding with the Soviet Union, Japanese will be able to resume visits to the graves of relatives on Soviet-occupied territory without visas. The understanding follows Mr Abe's visit to Moscow last month.

That he announced his candidacy, "providing there is support from the party," on the same day is no coincidence.

He has been trying to build an image as a mover and shaker in foreign policy in the last few weeks to bolster his

chances of winning the presidency of the Liberal Democratic Party, which carries with it the premiership.

The key element of this has been the "Abe doctrine" on improving relations with other Asian countries.

Mr Abe appears to be the front-runner to replace Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone as Prime Minister when his term runs out in October.

The other candidate is likely to be Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, a former foreign minister, who appears to have overtaken the Finance Minister, Mr Noboru Takeshita, whose chances have declined as the value of the yen has risen.

Whether any of them succeeds in October is an open question. If the LDP has a successful election at the weekend under the stewardship of Mr Nakasone the chances are good that he will win at least an extension of his term, if not a change in party rules that would allow him a third term as Prime Minister.

Officials 'forced out' Aquino witness

Manila (Reuter) - A Japanese freelance journalist said yesterday he had been unable to testify at the trial of 26 men accused of the murder of Mr Benigno Aquino, the former Philippine opposition leader and husband of President Corason Aquino, because immigration officials forced him to leave.

Mr Kiyoshi Wakamiya, who accompanied Mr Aquino on the day he was killed on his return home from the US, appeared as a surprise witness of yesterday's hearing on a petition seeking to reopen the Aquino murder case.

Mr Wakamiya, who left the Philippines two days before he was due to give evidence last year, said Japanese embassy officials "told me the immigration did not want me to stay because I was talking too much... I accepted the advice of our embassy and left the country."

About 30 people have petitioned the court to reopen the case, saying the acquittal of General Fabian Ver, the former armed forces chief, and 25 others, was a mistrial.

Weekend deaths: At least 20 people, including 12 officers and soldiers, were killed in separate communist guerrilla attacks in the central and northern Philippines at the weekend, Government television said yesterday.

Hindu escapes gunmen

Delhi - Mr B K Khullar, a leading Hindu activist, escaped unharmed yesterday in an assassination attempt by Sikh militants in Jullundur, Punjab, but a passerby was killed and two police bodyguards were injured in the shoot-out that followed. (Our Correspondent writes).

Mr Khullar was attacked by at least four gunmen in the market town of Jullundur, 50 miles southeast of Amritsar. His group advocates Hindu-Muslim co-operation.

It was the second attempt on Mr Khullar's life since last September, when his brother and another relative died.

Sainsbury's take the heat out of Summer prices.

Sainsbury's Unsmoked Prime Back Bacon Rashers per lb	£1.48
Sainsbury's Cheshire Cheese per lb	99p
Sainsbury's Light Ale 4 x 440ml	£1.38
Danoxa/Ship Corned Beef 340g	62p
Sainsbury's Cola 2ltr	44p
Sainsbury's Cornflakes 500g	59p
Rowntree's Table Jelly 4 3/4 oz	19p
Jacobs Club x 5	34p
Birds Eye Cherry Arctic Gateau 243g	72p
Kia Ora Whole Fruit Drinks 1 1/4 ltr	55p
Sainsbury's Vanilla Ice Cream Cutting Brick 1 ltr	39p

 **39p** 285g
 **79p** 250g
 **48p** per lb up to 2 1/2 lb 8oz
 **£1.85** 70cl
 **68p** 1ltr
 **38p** per lb (loose)

Good food costs less at Sainsbury's.

ALL MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY SOME LINES AVAILABLE AT LARGER BRANCHES ONLY.

Fresh at other prices

F16s steal Jakarta air show

Jakarta (Reuter) - Indonesia's first air show ended yesterday, having attracted more than two million visitors mesmerized by French and US jet fighters battling for attention and sales with demonstration flights over Jakarta.

Some 237 companies from 22 countries took part in the 10-day show, which was meant to put Indonesia's aircraft industry on the international aviation map.

They came to boost products ranging from blimps and ultralight aeroplanes to advanced fighters and airbases, from precision tools to heat-seeking anti-aircraft missiles.

President Suharto visited the show three times over Jakarta's old Kemayoran Airport.

He said at the opening of the show on June 22 that Indonesia's aircraft industry "constitutes part of our serious preparations to embark on a take-off stage of development at the end of the century".

President Suharto surprised diplomats by bringing the Thai Crown Prince, Maha Vajiralongkorn, to the show with Vietnam's Deputy Defence Minister, Mr Tran Van Quang. Defence officials from 10 other nations also attended, as well as the Sultan of Brunei.

But the real show-stealers were the F16s and the MiG-29s as they dived for attention.

Many spectators and the Indonesian media seemed to think the Mirage was better as the delta-winged craft zipped and rolled above the city centre. But General Dynamics was poised to win a \$200 million (£133 million) contract to sell eight F16 Fighting Falcons to Indonesia.

HELSINKI: Six MiG-29 planes, the latest generation of Soviet jet fighters, landed yesterday at Rissala airport in Kuopio, east Finland, to go on display for the first time in the West (AP reports).

The MiG-29s, codenamed "Fulcrum" in the West, are on a four-day official visit, Finnish Army headquarters said.

Transport shot down by rebels

Islamabad (Reuter) - Afghan guerrillas shot down a military transport carrying 100 troops in southern Afghanistan, Western diplomats in Pakistan said yesterday.

They received conflicting reports on whether the plane, shot down on Wednesday, was carrying Soviet or Afghan troops, but said it was more likely the soldiers on board were Afghans.

They quoted Afghan sources as saying the plane was shot down on a flight from Kabul to Kandahar.

They had no reports of any survivors nor of the weapons used to bring down the plane, which one diplomat said was a four-engine transport.

No confirmation of the report was immediately available from the Pakistan-based guerrilla groups fighting the Afghan Government.

But guerrilla sources said the insurgents shot down two helicopters in recent fighting in a Kandahar province valley.

Bank chief held: Three Afghans, including Mr Muhammad Azz, manager of the Afghan national bank, who was based in Peshawar, had been detained in connection with a series of bomb blasts and other sabotage in the North-West Frontier Province, and were being interrogated about their possible role in anti-state activities, the Foreign Ministry said (Hasan Akhtar writes).

The three Afghans had earlier been reported missing.

The ministry could not confirm the detention of about 6,000 Afghan refugees in Peshawar during investigations into bomb blasts in the city which have claimed at least 20 lives in the past eight weeks.

In the first official statement on the kidnapping or defection of a Karachi-based Afghan diplomat, the ministry spokesman said efforts were being made to find him, but he denied Afghan charges that the envoy had been kidnapped by the CIA or any other agency.

Macao talks 'friendly'

Peking (Reuter) - China and Portugal concluded their first round of talks yesterday on the future of Macao, the toy territory run by Lisbon for more than 400 years, and said further discussions would be held here to September.

and cordial, and expressed satisfaction with the way the negotiations were proceeding. Sources close to the Portuguese delegation said it did not look as though the negotiations on transferring control of the territory of 500,000

Star of the satellites

Carol Haslam, whose new job makes her one of the most powerful women in television, tells Sally Brompton about her plans to beam the best of our TV to Europe



Carol Haslam, Superchannel's new director of programmes: "I'm not ambitious to the exclusion of everything else"

Carol Haslam's first seven interviews for her new job took place while she was participating in a 10-week executive programme that included a weekend on an Outward Bound course in the Lake District. There she was expected to step physically off a high wire into the unknown at one moment and being head-hunted to do much the same professionally the next.

In both cases, Haslam jumped, and this week she begins work officially as director of programmes for the new satellite television company, Superchannel. The appointment makes her one of the most high-powered women in British broadcasting and puts her among the country's top female executives.

Haslam regards it as the latest challenge in a career that she insists owes more than a little to luck. "I suppose I must be ambitious or I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing", she says. "But I'm not ambitious to the exclusion of everything else."

As one of Channel Four's most dynamic commissioning editors for the last five years, she has been responsible for some of the company's more prestigious programmes, such as Heart of the Dragon, Africa and the award-winning Fragile Earth. "I think it's terribly important that British television isn't too parochial, and the more programming that tells us about Europe and the rest of the world — provided people like it and watch it — the more we are prevented from becoming too insular", she says.

She also did much to steer the channel into areas ignored previously by British television, dealing with such delicate subjects as sexuality and emotions. "One of the things I've tried to do is to introduce programmes in the whole health area and try to shift the way that health is covered by television." Such trail-blazing, documentary-like programmes have generated some of the channel's best audience responses. "I've commissioned programmes that I think would not have been commissioned by television departments in which men were making all the decisions", Haslam claims.

She is a blonde 42-year-old who fell into broadcasting more or less by accident. The convent-educated only child of a north London architect, she followed an "unremarkable but enjoyable" childhood by reading philosophy, social sciences and English at Leicester University; "I had no idea what I wanted to do, but I was quite interested in the idea of teaching."

Even so, when, as a 21st birthday present, her parents offered her the choice of staying on at university to do a diploma in education or being given a one-way ticket to America, she jumped at the latter. She and a girl friend spent a year travelling around America, Canada and Mexico where she obtained jobs as a waitress in Los Angeles and as a cashier trainee at the Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco. Back in England she lectured in social studies at a couple of London polytechnics before training in psychotherapy, which gave her "insights that have been invaluable in a lot of working life since". Her broadcasting debut came in Addis Ababa, to which she had travelled overland after deciding to explore Africa.

Just one week after arriving in the Ethiopian capital with a rucksack on her back, she was working as a radio producer at the mass media centre on a series about the history of Africa. For her research she pored over the books of Basil Davidson, the Africa expert, in the local library "little knowing that 13 years later I would actually get the chance to commission him to work on a real history of Africa for Channel Four."

While in Addis Ababa she also took part in a television training course run by a British Council officer to whom she is now married. Then, back in England, she applied for a job at the BBC and was taken on as a producer in radio and television to launch the Open University, where she stayed for the next 11 years.

She regards the experience she gained there as invaluable because it gave her the opportunity to acquire practical skills in every area of television production. The fact that the programmes were aimed at a small but critical audience made her aware of audience needs and gave her a respect for viewers that she feels many broadcasters lack.

It was something that stood her in good stead when she joined Channel Four at its inception in 1981, as one of chief executive Jeremy Isaacs's bright new faces. "I think Jeremy took a chance on appointing people who were not widely known in the industry, but it certainly meant that we arrived with no preconceptions and that we all had a lot of new, fresh ideas", says Haslam.

Her own boundless energy and enthusiasm proved crucial for the job, which frequently involved working up to 80 hours a week, starting early in the morning before dropping her children, Charlotte, now 11, and Oliver, 10, at school. Her husband, Piers Pendred, is still with the British Council, currently as director of public affairs.

Tomorrow

Breaking the house rules

On the Books page, *Monny, the Field Marshal, 1944-76*, the final volume in Montgomery's 'official' trilogy, is reviewed by William Jackson

It is a strange facet of English law that leaves room for gazumpers. I pondered this after we had been gazumped for the third time in fairly quick succession. The Scots brook no such nonsense; their "letter of intent", whereby the vendor and the prospective purchaser sign binding documents as soon as an offer has been accepted, sees to that.

FIRST PERSON

Jane Davenay

When the nice young agent phoned. "Somebody has offered £4,000 more; the owner's solicitors have advised her to take it up." "But", I expostulated, outraged, to my husband, "we were promised; I've spent time and money, and some of the best early mornings of my life.

That's life," my husband said, pragmatic fellow. So now I am in limbo, spinning my prepared, money spent, cautions which had been channelled into the project with the force of a blow-hammer, swirling aimlessly in outer space. I dread the outcome when they return to earth.

STACK units From £9 New stacking, freestanding shelf units. Plus storage, iron cubes to hold wires, wall shelving, trestles. Mail-order catalogue (or visit us) Warehouse 58 Pembroke Rd W9 0T-984 8016 (also Silk & Notta)

First ever Summer Clearance at Goodies. 50% OFF many items of china, glass, silver and giftware - Don't miss this golden opportunity! Sale commences Friday 27th June from 9a.m. to 3p.m. every day, Saturdays 9a.m. to 1p.m. Final day Saturday 5th July. Late night shopping on Wednesday 2nd July and Thursday 3rd July until 7p.m. Thomas Goodie & Co (London) Ltd., 19 South Gandy Street, London W1. Tel: 01-499 2823

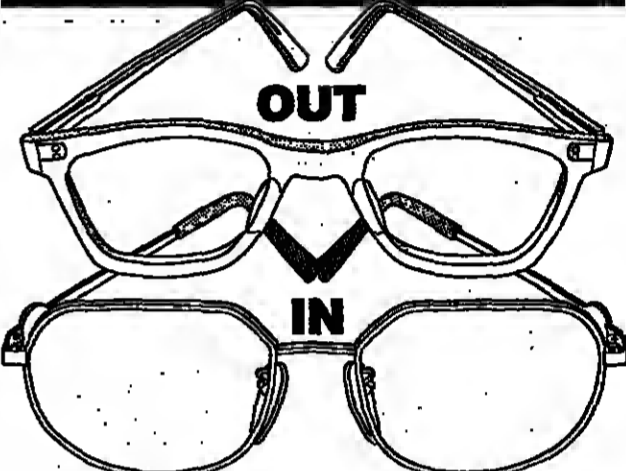
Specs with style to grace young faces

More than 400,000 children in England wear glasses: how would you feel if your child was one of them? Oddly enough, the thought of putting a son or daughter in glasses can provoke surprisingly strong reactions, especially considering that they can help correct a defect or give perfect vision to a child who has been living in a blurred world.

Wearing glasses at an early age can be a stigma for child and parent alike, but a new voucher system will help to dispel the staid NHS look

every day is virtually impossible to follow with young children. Days just aren't like that. I feel so guilty that the glasses didn't help at all in the end. But you are fighting a losing battle to make young children wear glasses to the face of the comments they have to put up with.

CHANGING FRAMES



On the nose: out go the flesh-coloured NHS specs in come Roland Rat spectacles (with pictures of Roland inside the frames) in Glens Blue by Dollond and Aitchison at £29.95, or £15.70 with the minimum child voucher

since he was four and was upset when he was told that his seven-month-old daughter, Bella, needed them. "I remembered what I had been through — although I think it's probably worse for boys than girls. Other kids tend to think of you as a little weed."

stead of being given free glasses, will receive a voucher, redeemable against a new pair. The value of the vouchers will vary according to the prescription, but the minimum for a child will be £14.25. The old NHS frames will still be available but it means children will now be able to choose one of the newer hudget styles produced by chains like Dollond & Aitchison.

she is critical of the lack of women in television's top jobs: "It's strange because they are well represented in the middle levels, and then they suddenly disappear as you go up the hierarchy. I don't know whether it's because they don't want to do the jobs, or because they don't put themselves forward, or because they don't perform the right sort of functions."

WHY CHRISTIAN AID AND OXFAM ARE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THOSE WITH WHOM WE WORK: DETENTIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA. Community leaders who have been working effectively for the poor and for peaceful change, are among the thousands of South Africans who have been detained under the country-wide State of Emergency. These are partners with whom Christian Aid and Oxfam have been working for years — leaders of community organisations, trade unionists, and church workers like Fr. Smangalis Mkhatswa, Secretary General of the South African Catholic Bishops' Conference, Rev. Abraham Maja, Executive Secretary of the National Transvaal Council of Churches, and Lesley Liddell, of the Western Province Council of Churches. The experience of our agencies, over the years during which we have supported a range of community projects, confirms the report of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group: "...the quality of the country's black leaders shines through. Their achievement in bringing about popular and trade union mobilisation in the face of huge odds commands respect. Their idealism, their genuine sense of non-racism, and their readiness not only to forget but to forgive, compel admiration. These are precious assets which a new South Africa will need."

CROSSWORD NO. 2099

Please send me the information pack on South Africa. I enclose my donation of £50 £25 £10 £. for relief of poverty and suffering in South Africa. NAME: ADDRESS: POSTCODE: Send to: CHRISTIAN AID, (SOUTH AFRICA APPEAL) PO Box 1, London SW5 8BH, or OXFAM, Room TM72, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 7DZ.

Lobbying for Unesco

A campaign is under way to secure Britain's re-entry to Unesco. Last December Mrs Thatcher followed President Reagan's lead and withdrew from the 158-nation group...

Far from foul

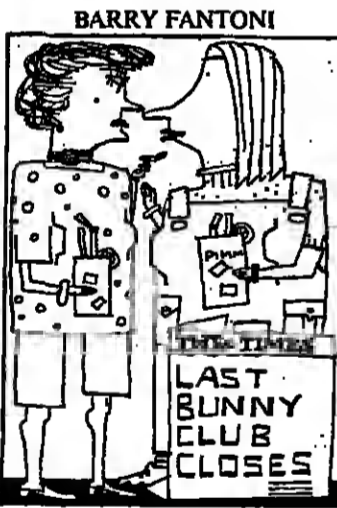
Fears of unfitness by the British soccer fans in Mexico were unfounded, for which Bob Webb, the British consul, must be the most thankful. He tells me that the final tally of Brits arrested during the tournament stands at 29...

Dribbled away

Visitors generally, in fact, were more sinned against than sinning. Foreign embassies, including the British, had a steady stream of complaints from robbery victims. Mexican thieves have what you might call the Maradona touch...

Set aside

Nicky Bird, the former publication officer at the V & A, telephoned to point out that he has been "pushed sideways" to the new job of organizing events at the museum...



"Neville will be pleased - he's just joined the Animal Liberation Front"

Puffed out

Brian Behan, brother of the late Brendan, is working on a new book. He will not tell me anything about it because, he says, negotiations with publishers are still at a delicate stage...

Sneezy, grumpy

A new excuse for surly taxi drivers. The Lancet reports a survey of 100 London cabbies who admitted suffering from hay fever. A quarter of them said the condition was sometimes so severe that it was impossible to drive...

Gender bender

A touch of farce on Birmingham city council's women's committee where Alan Blumenthal, the Tory opposition spokesman, has outraged his colleagues by referring to homosexuals as "perverts" and saying they should be barred from council employment...

PHS

Where the EPG is wrong

by Helen Suzman

On this page on Monday, Malcolm Fraser asked what Sir Geoffrey Howe could learn in a day or two about South Africa that is not covered in the report by the Eminent Persons Group...

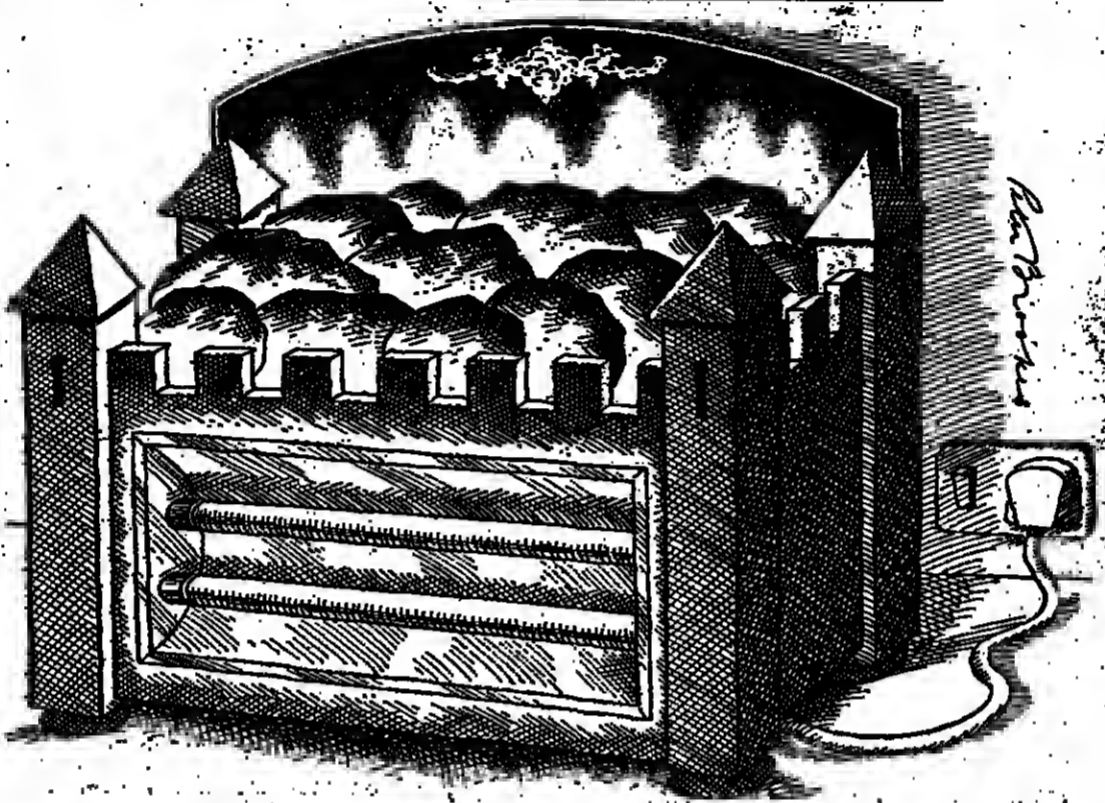
Africa's blacks are now in a worse condition than five or six years ago. Thus he ignores the huge increase in expenditure on black education; the growth of black trade unions since their recognition in 1979...

Mr Fraser, "black leaders want sanctions or other substantive measures". Certainly, there are blacks in South Africa and neighbouring states heavily dependent on South Africa for jobs, transport and electricity...

brandishes the spectre of Marxism: The alternative to sanctions, he says, is a full-scale guerrilla war from which would emerge a Marxist government that would nationalize everything in sight...

Colin Robinson and Eileen Marshall urge the government to abandon the present protectionism in electricity supply and let the winds of competition blow

It is in the long-term interests of consumers, taxpayers and miners alike that the British coal industry be substantially liberalized. Since the end of the coal strike, instead of responding to suggestions for constructive reform, the government has pushed the coal and electricity supply industries into strengthening their blatantly uncompetitive "joint understanding"...



Such a cosy deal, but look at the price

After nationalized mines have made their guaranteed sales. According to the Small Mines Federation, irrespective of the cost of their coal, sales by its members to power stations may be halved under the new agreement...

ment also needs to ensure that competition from private sector coal producers is maintained and encouraged rather than forcibly contracted. Privately-owned mines and reclamation operations appear to produce some of Britain's cheapest coal...

Mega-bids: down but far from dead

The outcome of the £1.8 billion bid for Woolworth Holdings by Dixons Group will be known later today. If Dixons loses, it will indicate that bid fever, for the moment, is on the wane...

stock market. Sir Terence Conran's Storehouse - the £1.5 billion combination of Habitat Moller and British Home Stores - has disappointed the market since the merger in January...

suggest, even though the company is expected to benefit enormously from its acquisition of Distillers. These disappointments are not solely responsible for the shift of opinion. City institutions are being castigated for caring only about the immediate performance of their funds...

The institutions were told that the task of turning Woolworth round would take five to seven years. These same institutions, control today over 30 per cent of the shares. They would be accused of impatience, or worse, if they were ditch a management which has done so well for them without giving it the chance to finish the job...

Alison Eadie

Rosalind Stott

Sex education that faces facts

As a former acting head, and deputy head, of two inner London comprehensive schools with a progressive reputation, I have watched the latest Education Bill passing through Parliament with interest, disbelief and some personal outrage...

Most parents want their child to leave school with the qualifications necessary to find a job, but they also want a school environment in which their children can develop as whole, healthy adults able to function in a complex and puzzling world...

When it comes to sexual intercourse - with an emphasis on marriage - children are told the bald, mechanical facts and that nine months later a baby is born. They are not told that sex serves other purposes, that it can be fun, that it enhances a male-female relationship at all other levels...

Paul Jennings

A four-wheel spin-off

As more and more people come to recognize the basic truth of Resistantism (basically, that it is not men who control things, but things which increasingly control men because they have always opposed him), le-choses sont contraires nous, in the famous aphorism of Pierre-Marie Ventre...

They are obviously once-ordinary citizens, like you or me, whom the thing-world has managed to uproot by preventing them from ever parking anywhere. In the form of the roaring traffic, brooding tower, inhuman modern city, it has rejected them...

Dr Johnson's description of the family: "A little kingdom torn with factions, and exposed to revolutions". Our whole western family structure is based on the oppression of women, and it is this that Tory politicians wish us to applaud...

There is, of course, education about relationships which takes place in schools and does not fit neatly into any pre-ordained pattern - like most of life. It goes on all the time in the interaction of staff and pupils...

Finally, what education there is for young people about alternative sexuality and life styles will be no more than a pious hope while those adults in the school system who are themselves lesbian or gay feel unable to offer children positive examples...

Like the proposers of the bill, I hope that local authorities will shoulder their responsibilities in the matter of education. I have seen a generation of isolated, isolated, worrying about "what's wrong" with their "family" - which the Tory party elevates into some kind of ideal state, bearing little resemblance to real life...

Let local authorities ensure that there is a caring, thoughtful, un-didactic inclusion of all varieties of relationships, in a way that encourages tolerance and free choice. This will not happen while there is obfuscation and denial of truth...

Neutrinos, they are very small. They have no charge and have no mass. And do not interact at all. The earth is just a silly ball. To them, through which they simply pass. Like dustmats down a drafty hall. Or photons through a sheet of glass. Science seems to be increasingly aware of how energy can change itself to matter and vice versa. Human beings and their observation don't come into it, except as being part of the whole human process, just as particles can change, so can an apparently "settled" bourgeois motorist find himself suddenly transformed into a deranged hippy...



1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone: 01-481 4100

SALAMI TACTICS

Mr George Younger is not the first Defence Secretary to wish that he had come to the job some time before...

The problem is the gap between income and expenditure - or between happiness and misery in Mr Micawber's terms - and it was foreseen during the time of his predecessor...

Now comes the moment of truth as the forces, not for the first time, have to tighten their belts after seven years of relative affluence...

The White Paper in May ruled out the need either for a fundamental reappraisal of priorities or to drop or reduce any principal commitment...

The services may not like these but they can live with them. The delay in the delivery of Tornados is indeed prompted as much by the requirement to fulfil the large order for Saudi Arabia...

The Defence Secretary's reference to a surface escort fleet for the Royal Navy of "about 50" frigates/destroyers conceals the fact that the number is most likely to be 48...

Senior officers themselves admit that their appetite for "salami slicing" grows with age and experience, if only because when faced with the need to cut costs...

To argue that Mr Younger should wield an axe rather than a carving knife, is to preach a policy which requires more justification than pressure from the Treasury...

if militarily risky, for troops to remain at their posts with yesterday's weapons rather than for them not to remain there at all...

There is, however, a cut-off point beyond which the argument might start to swing the other way. One wonders if future governments, faced by the conundrum which has faced Mr Younger...

The answer must be, as we have said before, for Nato to re-examine its own priorities in greater depth. That would at least clarify in Whitehall the areas of top priority...

The awkward truth, however, is that the alliance will not move unless it is pushed. If Mr Younger finds he has to start carving thicker slices off the salami...

A CIVILISED DUTY

Late last year The Times ran a series of articles on the topic of schizophrenia. Under the general title of "The Forgotten Illness"...

In many cases the worst symptoms of the disease can be controlled by neuroleptic drugs such as largactil. But these have unpleasant side effects such as involuntary shaking...

The problem has been made worse by well-meaning government policy. Community care is a good idea, and nobody wants schizophrenics locked away in the old asylums...

reasserts itself. In fact, the "illness" is a disorder of the brain, probably bio-chemical in origin, which distorts the way a person thinks and views the world...

Existing charities, however, are mainly self-help groups with small resources and little outside support. The new appeal - Schizophrenia: A National Emergency - is more ambitious...

There is no more important duty upon a civilised community than its care of the mentally ill for they cannot help themselves...

AN INVISIBLE GUEST

Britain is currently playing host to one of the most important men in the Soviet Union. He is Vesvolod Murakhovsky, chairman of the USSR's state agro-industrial committee...

Perhaps it is mutual embarrassment that has dictated Mr Murakhovsky's invisibility, embarrassment that such a visitor should be a guest so soon after the Chernobyl accident...

movement and sale of lamb in parts of North Wales and Cumbria, after finding that some lamb in those areas had been contaminated by radioactive fall-out...

That tribute is all the greater in view of Mr Murakhovsky's influence at the centre of Soviet policy-making. He is one of the new team of officials brought to Moscow since Mr Gorbachov came to power...

But Mr Murakhovsky's week-long visit deserves attention for another reason, too. It affords an opportunity for Western Europe to reiterate its concern about the effects of Chernobyl...

It cannot, however, solve our basic problem, which is that our goods and services are insufficiently competitive to enable us to earn the 5 per cent annual increase in GDP...

Groups united by a common cause and fully informed will cooperate much more successfully than ill-informed groups, divided by ignorance, suspicion and misconception...

British universities, according to the Government, are inefficient; hence the campaign to pare the fat. As evidence, the small student-to-staff ratio is commonly quoted...

One significant outcome of the Government's parsimony is the abysmally low level of salaries offered to academics. It is absurd when, as for instance in Durham, a senior world-renowned professor gets a salary less than an average accountant...

Equal control of mental patients

From Professor John Gunn

Sir, I understand that there is a joint Home Office/DHSS working party reviewing the current arrangements and law in relation to patients detained under the Mental Health Act (1983)...

I understand how such suggestions arise as there is disquiet that, on the one hand, psychopaths are detained in hospital simply in order to provide a form of protective custody...

Personally, I hope that no such invidious and scientifically unsound discrimination between different types of mentally abnormal patients is made...

Under the Act a patient can only be compulsorily cared for in the community for up to six months unless he has committed a significant offence and a court believes that the public need protection from him...

These days, following practice directions, these restriction orders are almost invariably "without limit of time", i.e. of indefinite length and equivalent to life imprisonment served in a hospital...

Ordination of women

From the Reverend M. H. Bryan

Sir, Fr Francis Edwards (June 27) writes in an excellent and simplistic way about corporate union of Anglo-Catholics with the see of Rome...

While it is true that many Anglo-Catholics have advocated corporate union, there are just as many who have shunned the idea. Many Anglicans cling to the belief that the Church of England is "more" catholic than the Church of Rome...

Nor is it possible to assume that the catholicising movement has completed its task of leavening the whole lump of the Church of England. While it would be foolish to expect anything to be true of the whole Church of England...

Engineers' shortage

From Professor L. J. Herbst

Sir, The shortage of engineering graduates, which is especially acute in the growth areas of electronic and computer engineering, continues to receive much attention...

This shortage could be considerably alleviated by introducing a special one-year course for holders of O levels in mathematics and physics (or general science)...

Pulling together

From Mr Charles Redstone

Sir, Ian Weston Smith has rightly pointed out (June 30) the advantage to be gained by a revival of enterprise investment in the North...

It cannot, however, solve our basic problem, which is that our goods and services are insufficiently competitive to enable us to earn the 5 per cent annual increase in GDP...

College comparisons

From Professor Nicholas Rast

Sir, As an ex-British academic, now employed in the USA, I beg your indulgence for a few reflections upon the present state of higher education in the United Kingdom...

British universities, according to the Government, are inefficient; hence the campaign to pare the fat. As evidence, the small student-to-staff ratio is commonly quoted. It is true that in the USA this ratio is higher...

Honouring debt to a generation

From the Reverend Prebendary Michael Seward

Sir, Today sees the 70th anniversary of the opening of the Battle of the Somme when, on that day alone, British casualties amounted to almost 60,000 killed and wounded...

Within the Act it is already possible for a court to fix the length of a restriction order at the time of sentencing. In practice, this option is rarely used...

The judge would decide at the time of sentencing how long the penal restrictions should last; this could be anything from, say, three or four years in a case of arson to life in a case of homicide...

At the end of the restricted period the patient would revert to civil status and further treatment would be organised and controlled in the ordinary way...

This arrangement would thus give full responsibility for the penal element to the disposal of mentally abnormal offenders to the sentencing judge...

Yours sincerely, JOHN GUNN, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, SE5, June 26.

Cricket decline

From Mr Charles Woodhouse

Sir, David Green writes (June 24) of the "decline of state school cricket". His evidence seems limited to recent unhappy experiences in what was Middlesex...

Let him come to Surrey and look at what is now happening at some of the clubs. There are many examples where the clubs are taking over from the schools, and not just the State schools...

The result is a new generation of excellent young cricketers whose cricket is being developed by the thriving colts sections of the clubs. A partnership has been developing between Surrey County Cricket Club, under Micky Stewart, and the clubs in the development of junior cricket...

In the driving cab

From Ms Lesley Holland

Sir, Your editorial of June 26 referred to the single fully-qualified train driver on British Rail's books as being a man who had changed sex...

May I point out that there are currently four fully-qualified woman train drivers, seven drivers' assistants, a tractor trainee and 82 guards...

For the record, the "sex change" driver left British Rail's service some years ago. Yours faithfully, LESLEY HOLLAND, Equal Opportunities Project Manager, British Railways Board, Euston Square, P.O. Box 100, NW1, June 30.

ON THIS DAY

JULY 2 1889

Henley Regatta had already been in existence for 50 years, but the problem of congestion was comparatively recent, brought on by its rapid growth in popularity to a wider public...

HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

The champion oarsmen's meeting of the year will be held at Henley-on-Thames on the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the present week. Although the entries are not quite so numerous as on some previous occasions, there are quite sufficient to produce three days' good sport...

Why did I, a clergyman then 44, whose family had been untouched by the battle, bother to go and spend those days on the Somme and those especially precious few minutes by that still-existing mine crater?

I can only say that, having read so much, initially quite by accident, I felt that someone of my generation should honour the memory of what took place that day on that spot...

Yours truly, MICHAEL SEWARD, Ealing Parish Church, St Mary's Road, W5, July 1.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, Will you kindly allow us space in your paper to draw the attention of all those who may contemplate being present at the forthcoming regatta at Henley to a portion of the annual report of the committee of management...

"The course has been narrowed year by year so as to give more space for the pleasure craft, and the number of guard boats has been increased, but it is hopeless to rely on these means to keep a clear course without the assistance of the spectators..."

We would wish to point out that the very existence of the regatta depends upon the preservation of a clear course for the competition. That, unlike a racecourse upon the land, the river is incapable of expansion, and the difficulty of accommodating the ever-increasing number of spectators is much intensified unless the committee can count upon the cordial cooperation of all those who are afloat upon the river...

We appeal, therefore, with confidence, to all who may be spectators to co-operate with the executive committee in keeping the course entirely clear during the race, and with that object in view to retire at once behind the lines of the piles as soon as the bell is rung to clear the course.

Passing cloud

From Mr Peter G. R. Hickes

Sir, I was strolling beside the River Fal today enjoying my superb country, when a coach pulled alongside, the driver seeking directions...

Offering his appreciation for my help the driver added: "Do you live here? You are so lucky, I envy you here, but I expect that it's very quiet in the winter!"

I waved him goodbye, extricating myself from his idling diesel fumes and watching a passenger pushing an empty crisp bag from a window.

This road beside the Fal has a joy of its own in the winter too. Yours faithfully, PETER HICKES, Trout's Ope, 16 St Thomas Street, Penryn, Cornwall, June 26.

ation facts

Johnson's description of the little kingdom of the Andes and exposed to the structure is based on the study of women and it is a very interesting study...

of course, education in schools and does not like most of the time in the interaction of the teacher and the student...

the teacher was asked to sign an assurance of orientation except in the case of a planned programme...

the television of what has been the subject of the study...

the young people who are the subject of the study...

the study of the young people who are the subject of the study...

the study of the young people who are the subject of the study...

the study of the young people who are the subject of the study...

the study of the young people who are the subject of the study...

the study of the young people who are the subject of the study...

innings -wheel-off

Trade talks truce agreed

From Bailey Morris Annapolis

The United States and the EEC extended a critical July 1 deadline yesterday to continue marathon negotiations...

A temporary truce was negotiated to allow Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US trade representative, and Mr Willy de Clercq, the EEC Commissioner for External Relations...

Both sides said yesterday that they were seeking a temporary political solution to the agricultural dispute which has ignited threats of retaliation and counter-retaliation on both sides.

Australian curb

The Australian government has extended exemptions to withholding tax on interest paid over an effort to raise an extra \$560 million in revenue...

Last farewell to Somme 70 years on



Mr Sam Neall, 88, Belfast Royal Army Medical Corps (left), and Mr Richard Calvert, 90, Belfast Royal Irish Rifles, at the Thiepval cemetery yesterday

From Alan Hamilton Thiepval, France

July dawned hot and bright on the Somme yesterday, just as it dawned 70 years ago when the monstrous echo of a giant mine signalled the start of a battle that would forever be synonymous with the senseless slaughter of innocents.

Mr Sam Neall, aged 88, also from Belfast, was a stretcher-bearer with the Ulsters. "As we went up to the front line the saliva dried from our mouths with the shock. I live it all over again; you never get over the mental strain, and my ears still ring from the noise of the guns."

Mr Georges Hudson, aged 89, from Barrow-in-Furness was in the spearhead attack. "To all intents and purposes the generals believed, and we believed, that nothing could exist on the German side after the artillery barrage. How wrong we were."

Mr Dudley Marchant, aged 94, from Ealing, found himself in a shell hole with a German who tried to bayonet him but was too weak from wounds...

Mr Dick Calvert, aged 90, from Belfast, went over the top with the 36th Ulster Division, which lost 5,000 men on the first day. "It was hell with the lid off. It never leaves you; when you lie in bed at night it comes crawling back to haunt you."

Mr Sam Neall, aged 88, also from Belfast, was a stretcher-bearer with the Ulsters. "As we went up to the front line the saliva dried from our mouths with the shock. I live it all over again; you never get over the mental strain, and my ears still ring from the noise of the guns."

Mr Georges Hudson, aged 89, from Barrow-in-Furness was in the spearhead attack. "To all intents and purposes the generals believed, and we believed, that nothing could exist on the German side after the artillery barrage. How wrong we were."

Mr Dudley Marchant, aged 94, from Ealing, found himself in a shell hole with a German who tried to bayonet him but was too weak from wounds...

Mr Dick Calvert, aged 90, from Belfast, went over the top with the 36th Ulster Division, which lost 5,000 men on the first day. "It was hell with the lid off. It never leaves you; when you lie in bed at night it comes crawling back to haunt you."

Mr Sam Neall, aged 88, also from Belfast, was a stretcher-bearer with the Ulsters. "As we went up to the front line the saliva dried from our mouths with the shock. I live it all over again; you never get over the mental strain, and my ears still ring from the noise of the guns."

Mr Georges Hudson, aged 89, from Barrow-in-Furness was in the spearhead attack. "To all intents and purposes the generals believed, and we believed, that nothing could exist on the German side after the artillery barrage. How wrong we were."

Dolphin and whale shows face ban

By Hugh Clayton Environment Correspondent

Entertainment by dolphins and killer whales will be banned unless poolside standards are improved, the Government announced yesterday. Imports of the creatures will be blocked until new conditions are met.

There are only 19 dolphins and two killer whales kept for displays in Britain. But their enduring popularity and public interest in Nemo the whale led to a year-long investigation by two leading marine scientists which resulted in yesterday's ultimatum.

Nemo, weighing more than a ton, was caught off Iceland in 1981 and lived for three years in a pool in Clacton until packed in ice for the 120-mile road journey to Windsor Safari Park.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements: The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, opens the new building of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole St, W1.

Books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week: G.K. Chesterton, by Michael Finch (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £16).

The pound

Table with exchange rates for Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Deutsches Mark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Portugal, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, USA, Yugoslavia.

Roads

Wales and West: M5: Contraflow on southbound carriageway between 8 (M50) and 10 (Cheltenham); avoid if possible.

Weather forecast

An anticyclone over NE France will move slowly E. A trough of low pressure over W districts will move slowly E to be followed by bright intervals and scattered showers.

Weather forecast section including maps of pressure fronts, high tides, and around Britain weather.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,087

Crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares and some letters filled in.

New exhibitions

Bomber: how strategic bombing has changed the nature of warfare in the 20th Century. Canal Museum, Canal St, Nottingham. Wed to Sat 10 to 12 and 1 to 5.45. Sun 1 to 5.45 (ends August 5).

Music

Concert by the Cathedral Choir and Francis Jackson (organ). St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, 8.

Anniversaries

Births: Jacopo Sansovino, sculptor. Florence, 1486; Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury. 1533-56. Ashington, Nottinghamshire, 1489; Christoph Gluck, composer. Ershabach, 1714; Sir William Henry Bragg, physicist. Nobel laureate 1915. Wigton, Cumbria, 1862.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Motions on social security regulations. Consideration of Lords amendments to Housing (Scotland) Bill. Airports Bill, and Drug Trafficking Offences Bill.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 3pm, 6.40pm and again at 9pm.

Portfolio Gold

Times Portfolio Gold rules are as follows: The Times Portfolio is free. Purchase of Times Portfolio will be suspended for that day.

Lighting-up time

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for various cities: London 05:11 pm to 4:19 am, Belfast 10:01 pm to 4:23 am, Edinburgh 10:11 pm to 4:46 am, Newcastle 10:21 pm to 4:48 am.

Yesterday

Table showing weather conditions and temperatures for various cities: Belfast 18.5°C, Glasgow 19.5°C, London 19.5°C, Manchester 16.5°C, Newcastle 16.5°C, Southampton 18.5°C.

Pollen count

The pollen count for London and the South-East issued by the Asthma Research Council at 10 am yesterday was 134 (very high). Forecast for today, similar.

Down

- 1 Unfairness within players' organization (8)
2 Boston incident Alice joined in (3-5).

Concise Crossword page 14

Small crossword puzzle grid with some letters filled in.

Abroad

MIDDAY: c. cloud; d. drizzle; f. fair; fg. fog; r. rain; s. sun; sh. snow; t. thunder.

Interest Rates

Table showing interest rates for various currencies and locations.

Currencies

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies.

Vertical advertisement on the right edge of the page, including 'Unilever sale', 'air bid', 'bonds pay', 'water fall', 'MARKET SU', 'INTEREST RATES', and 'CURRENCIES'.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table of unlisted securities with columns for High/Low, Company, Price, Change, and Dividend. Includes companies like A & M, ABB, and various industrial firms.

Turner & Newall buys rest of Coopers

Turner & Newall, the industrial materials manufacturer, has purchased from Automotive Products the 40 per cent shareholding in Coopers A P Filters which it did not already own.

Coopers has recently been awarded a number of contracts including one to supply Caterpillar of America with heavy-duty oil filters for main engine applications. Automotive products is a subsidiary of the BBA Group.

WELPAC: Results for the year to March 31 include a dividend of 0.3p (same). With figures in 2000, net turnover rose to 5,019 (4,002) but net pretax profit was down to 355 (405). Earnings per share slipped to 1.17p (1.24p).

LONGTON INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS: Results for the year to March 31 include a second interim dividend of 3p (final 2p) making 4.3p. With figures in 2000, turnover was 5,299 (5,045) and operating profit 1,984 (2,022). Earnings per share were 13.2p (13.1p).

COMPANY NEWS

LISTER & CO: Dividend 1p (0.25p). Figures in 2000 for year to March 29. Turnover 46,975 (39,417), profit before tax and extraordinary items 2,121 (765), tax 223 (84). Earnings per share 11.38p (3.37). After significant increase in profits, and having regard to present trading conditions, the board says it is confident of further improvements.

PEEK HOLDINGS: Results for 1985 (figures in 2000) show turnover of 2,825 (3,862), gross loss 166 (profit 409) and loss per share at 4.98p (earnings 0.49p).

REAH HOLDINGS: A final dividend of 1p making 2p (same) has been declared for 1985. With figures in 2000, turnover was up to 29,761 (23,132) and pretax profit to 499 (2,067). Loss per share was 2.3p (earnings 1.0p).

ARC: Mr Charles Spence has been made chairman. He will also remain chief executive for the next 12 months. Mr Keith Orrell-Jones will be chief executive from July 1, 1987.

Chairman for fundraisers

Institute of Charity Fundraising Managers: Mr Anthony Clay has become chairman. Caves de la Madeleine: Mr Patrick D Sandeman has been made managing director.

British Plastics Federation: Dr Bill Madden as chairman of the polymer technical strategy committee. Palmer & Co: The following have become partners: Miss Catherine A Fisher, Mr Christopher J Adams, property department, Mr David H J Cohen, corporate tax department, Mr Jonathan R Kropman, Mr Stephen J Nelson, and Mrs Judy Simler, company-commercial department.

Charles Barker Lyons: Mr Steve Gebbett has been made managing director, consumer marketing division, and Mr Robert Keane managing director, corporate affairs division. TBA Industrial Products: Mr Jonathan Hill has been made a director.

Greystars: Mr Ross Coke Wallis has been named as managing director. McKenna & Co: Mr Richard Cockram, Mr Simon Anthon, Mr Gerald Smith, new chief executive of Craxphora. Craxphora: Mr Neil Cameron Aitken, Mr Henry Charles Sherman, Mr Julian Paul Thurston, Mr Andrew Geoffrey Walsh, and Mr Gary Robert Hickinbottom have been made partners.

Bond raises Hampton stake to 36%

Metals Exploration, the Australian mining group controlled by Mr Alan Bond, raised its stake in Hampton Gold Mining Assets to 36 per cent yesterday.

Metals bought a further 3.6 per cent stake in the market at 150p a share, the same price it is offering in its £41 million takeover bid for the mining and oil conglomerate.

At the same time, Hampton sent another letter to shareholders deriding the Metals bid and describing its predator's criticisms of its independent asset valuation as "factually inaccurate".

Hampton says it has set-backing of at least 205p a share and claims that Metals is only interested in its Australian gold mining developments. The latest acceptance level for the bid will be announced tomorrow.

Cambridge University Tripos

The following Tripos examination results have been issued by Cambridge University (A denotes distinction): Production Engineering Tripos, part I. Class 1: M R B Allen, C R B... Class 2: M R B Allen, C R B... Class 3: M R B Allen, C R B... Geographical Tripos, part IA. Class 1: M R B Allen, C R B... Class 2: M R B Allen, C R B... Class 3: M R B Allen, C R B... Geographical Tripos, part IB. Class 1: M R B Allen, C R B... Class 2: M R B Allen, C R B... Class 3: M R B Allen, C R B... Geographical Tripos, part 2. Class 1: M R B Allen, C R B... Class 2: M R B Allen, C R B... Class 3: M R B Allen, C R B... Geographical Tripos, part 1B. Class 1: M R B Allen, C R B... Class 2: M R B Allen, C R B... Class 3: M R B Allen, C R B...

BASE LENDING RATES

Table of base lending rates for various banks and services. Includes ABN & Company (10.00%), Adam & Company (10.00%), BCCI (10.00%), Citibank Savings (10.75%), Consolidated Crds (10.00%), Continental Trust (10.00%), Co-operative Bank (10.00%), C. Hoare & Co (10.00%), Hong Kong & Shanghai (10.00%), Lloyds Bank (10.00%), Nat Westminster (10.00%), Royal Bank of Scotland (10.00%), TSB (10.00%), Citibank NA (10.00%).

HARGREAVES GROUP

Salient Results. Year ended 31st March. 1986 £'000s, 1985 £'000s. Turnover: 306,124 vs 397,794. Profit before tax: 9,023 vs 7,102. Attributable profits after tax: 5,171 vs 3,467. Earnings per share: 15.1p vs 9.8p. Total dividends per share: 5.5p vs 4.5p.

Extracts from the Chairman's Review: Group profit before taxation for the twelve months ended 31st March, 1986 was £9,023,000, an improvement of 27% over the previous year. Earnings per share rose by 54% to 15.1p per share. All parts of the business performed well. The dividend of 5.5p will be 22% up, representing a further step in the Board's policy of recommending steadily increasing dividends. It is much too early to forecast results for the current year in the present uncertain fuel markets, but the Directors plan to consolidate the advances made in 1985/86.

HARGREAVES GROUP logo and contact information. Energy, Transport and Shipping Services: Solid and Liquid Fuel Processing and Distribution and Fuel Products. Quarrying and Construction Materials: Quarrying and Construction Materials, Waste Disposal. Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from: The Secretary, Hargreaves Group plc, Bowcliffe Hall, Bramham, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 6LP.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Capel vote lifts Woolworth

By Michael Clark

James Capel, the stockbroker, threw its weight behind the beleaguered Woolworth management yesterday by predicting that the downward potential for the company's shares remains minimal if Dixons loses the £1,900 million battle for control of the group.

The rest of the equity market continued to enjoy selective support following another firm performance overnight on Wall Street. Dealers reported that funds were continuing to flow back into the market now that investors were aware of their likely

the day 6.6 up at 1,373.7. The wider FT-SE 100 index finished 11.0 higher at 1,660.8. But government securities remained a dull market now that all hopes of an early cut in bank base rates have been scuppered until after the next set of money supply figures. Until then, dealers complain, gilts will continue to mark time.

Shares of Beecham touched 44.5p, at one stage before closing a 10p up on the day at 43.8p. American investors continue to chase the shares and they were joined by some British institutions. The directors are due to meet a number of fund managers tomorrow at a seminar in London arranged by Hoare Govett, the broker. The group then embarks next week on a US roadshow to meet many of the big American investment houses. It should all be good news for the shares.

Shares of Barker & Dobson, the loss-making sweets manufacturer, were suspended at a new high of 19 1/2p pending an announcement. The group which saw pretax losses leap

Mr Geoffrey Maddrell, the new managing director at Tootal, has been cutting a dash in the City. Yesterday he met fund managers at Laurence Prust, the broker, and predicted strong profits growth in the current year. The shares responded with a 4p rise to a peak of 109 1/2p. He meets Laing & Crickbank, the broker, tomorrow.

allocations from the Thames Television and Morgan Grenfell new issues. Dealings in Thames are due to start today with market men looking for an opening premium of at least 30p.

The high level of bid activity and speculation continued to breathe life into share prices. The FT 30-share index closed below its best levels of

Some of them feared that Woolworth share price could fall below 60p if the Dixons bid fails and that it would take a long time to make up the shortfall. But Capel maintains that Woolworth price is unlikely to fall below 60p and, at that level, it would certainly be a buyer of the shares. One fund manager, still to make up his mind which side to vote for, said: "If someone like Capel is prepared to buy Woolworth shares, it is unlikely that they will fall sharply over the short term."

However, with the closing date today, the contestants were still running neck-and-neck yesterday. Some dealers were predicting that Dixons would be lucky if it mustered more than 35 per cent acceptance. Dixons finished 2p up at 332p, after 334p.

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns: EQUITIES, RIGHTS ISSUES, and various stock symbols and prices.

3i rejects float after profit leap

By Teresa Poole

Investors in Industry (3i), the world's biggest single source of venture capital, yesterday ruled out a stock market flotation for the foreseeable future.

Announcing record pretax profits, up by £7 million to £46.2 million for the year to March 31, the chairman, Viscount Caldecote, said that no decision had yet been made on the question of any change in ownership and that the shareholders - the major clearing banks and the Bank of England - intended to maintain effective control of 3i.

He said: "This statement has removed much of the uncertainty which might have hampered its excellent credit rating, and has allowed us to resume the funding of our ever-growing portfolio in the international bond markets." Last year the value of 3i's investment assets increased by £235 million to £1.9 billion, and net assets per share increased by 31 per cent to £5.71.

However, the total invested during the year fell from £245 million to £218 million. This decrease masked a £21 million upsurge in equity investment to £91 million, which was more than offset by a decrease in total loan investment and leased assets.

There was also substantial growth in the number and size of management buyouts with 3i backing 91 teams of managers. The number of business failures rose by 30 to 205 and provision for possible failure reached a record £32.6 million, but Mr Jon Foulds, chief executive, said that the number of companies in difficulties had begun to fall. He added that 3i saw positive signs of resurgence in the private company sector.

"This re-awakening of entrepreneurial activities may not be measured statistically but it is taking place at the grass roots level, amongst managers and owners of businesses in our communities." Investors in Industry has £656 million of equity investments in 2,400 companies.

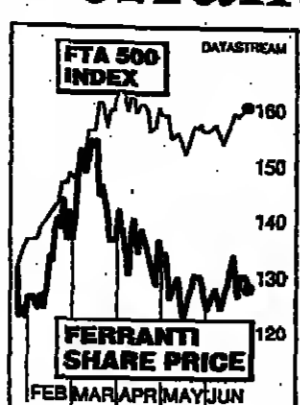
15% limit

The Frerth government's plan to privatize 65 State industries will initially limit the holdings of foreign companies to 15 per cent. Mr Edouard Balladur, the Economics Minister, said in Paris.

TEMPUS

Afternoon of gloom dulls Ferranti gloss

One way of avoiding drawing attention to poor figures is to do what Ferranti did yesterday: delay the announcement until the afternoon when all the defence and electronics analysts are attending a GEC meeting. Usually the announcement is made at 10.30 am.



debt to shareholders' funds is 41.5 per cent, even after taking account of the post-balance sheet events. Last year's American problems depressed the share rating so that at 292p the shares are trading on less than 13 times prospective earnings, assuming profits of £77 million this year. That multiple is roughly in line with the sector, whereas Northern Foods has traditionally traded at a premium.

If investors are not impressed by the customer list, which is headed by Marks and Spencer in Britain and McDonald's in America, they might be attracted by the company's realistic approach to diet. The shares look good value.

S&N Breweries

Cheering on England in the World Cup has been thirsty work for millions of armchair viewers - but wonderful news for the brewers supplying the take-home trade. The mini-boom has been particularly welcome for Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, which has the largest slice of the take-home market and has just come through a difficult 12 months.

Pretax profits for the year to April were up from £65.2 million to £75.1 million and the dividend is raised from 8.87p to 9.92p. Operating profits on beer trading were a creditable 16 per cent ahead at a time when volume growth has remained fairly static.

But the Thistle Hotels chain, although showing an improvement of 30 per cent, suffered in the final two months from terrorist fears and a sharp decline in American visitors.

Occupancy rates are still down and, while business should recover, it seems unlikely that the division will show any real growth in the current year.

The low point of the year for Scottish and Newcastle was its failure to win control of the brewers Matthew Brown, which accounts for £2.3 million of the extraordinary charges. But it still holds just under 30 per cent and is free to resume hostilities at the end of the year.

The current bout of good weather will do this year's prospects on farm and estimates of about £85 million look to be in sight. The shares eased 8p to 201p, where they appear reasonably valued for the time being.

Unfortunately, it did not have the desired result. The market promptly marked the shares down 14p to 114p when it heard that pretax profit for the year to March 31 had fallen 11 per cent to £41 million, against expectations of £45 million to £49 million.

It appears that in addition to the expected poor result from the electronics division - where the operating profit slumped from £10.3 million to £3.7 million - defence was flatter than expected. Not only was there a decline in offshore procurement, one of the most profitable areas, there was also a slowdown in electro-optics orders. A 50 per cent increase in net interest costs to £6.5 million completed the erosion of the bottom line total.

Ferranti, despite a record £700 million order book, will need to work hard for its profit to recover to the £46 million it made in 1984-85. As the statement accompanying the figures said: "The difficulties in the world semiconductor industry, changing policies in government procurement, and fierce competition in the office product field at home and overseas will make 1987 a challenging year."

This sort of gloomy talk is guaranteed to take the gloss off Ferranti's premium rating. Earnings per share of 7.2p in 1986-87 puts the shares on a prospective multiple of 15.8, still a 13 per cent premium.

Mr Basil de Ferranti, the chairman, was right. In the last nine months, he has sold more than 1.4 million shares to invest in farms. His fellow directors have sold another 140,000 in the same period. Investors should not expect too much help for the share price from takeover speculation as there is likely to be opposition from the Ministry of Defence. The shares probably have further to fall.

Northern Foods

Northern Foods' bas' some tales to tell about the inconsistencies of the onion's eating habits. Yesterday it said that demand for low-fat milk

is still growing, but so is demand for rich cream cakes. The company believes it has to address the market for healthy foods and to that end it is stepping up production of low-fat milk from between 14 and 15 per cent of total production to the national average of 18 per cent. It points out, however, that only 10 to 15 per cent of the food market is health-conscious.

Tastes are changing with greater rapidity than in the past. Last year, Northern Foods suffered from a slump in demand for pies and traditional sausages. It responded by developing a low-fat sausage, something that sounds more Continental than British. Flexibility is now the key word.

The concern for health is but one of the driving forces behind the company's recent disposals and acquisitions. During the year it sold North County Brewers and consolidated its dairy interests with the acquisition of the Express Dairy business in the North of England and a similar Unigate business in Liverpool. In addition, it bought Bowyers (Wiltshire), a pie manufacturer, and since the year-end it has acquired LO Jeffs, a vegetable and salad company.

This reshuffle, involving deals worth £180 million over 18 months, had little effect on the results for the year to March 31, when the company made £66.1 million before tax, up from £55.4 million. But this year the acquisitions should be beneficial, with Express and Bowyers expected to contribute £5 million before tax. Two problem American companies, DAK Foods and Southern Belle, have been sold since the year-end which should boost profits this year.

The company is keen to replace its American businesses but it looks as if any acquisitions may have to be for paper as the ratio of oet

UL acts to halt fall

United Leasing, the IBM computer leasing company, yesterday acted to arrest the dramatic fall in its share price by issuing a profit estimate of between £4.25 million and £4.5 million for the year to March 31. Detailed figures are

due to be published on July 14. United Leasing's shares dropped nearly 100p in a week to a low of 155p but yesterday's announcement prompted a 25p recovery to 180p.

BMP pays £6.6m for Granby

By Lawrence Lott Boase Massimi Pollitt, the advertising and sales promotion group, yesterday joined the acquisition trail blazed by many of its competitors by announcing the purchase of the Granby Group for an anticipated £6.6 million, coupled with a £9.3 million rights issue.

Boase produced an estimate of pretax profits for the six months ending June 30 of £1.65 million (£1.48 million) and said that it intended paying a 5.75p final dividend for the current financial year (4.5p).

The privately owned Granby Group, which specializes in handling the administrative functions of sales promotions for clients such as Kellogg, Shell and Cadbury, is warranting profits of at least £1 million for the period to June 30, 1986.

Boase is paying an initial £4.4 million cash and a further sum, linked to profits. Mr Martin Boase, chairman of Boase, said that Granby would complement its Marketing Solutions sales promotions subsidiary, which it acquired in December, 1984.

Yesterday's two-for-seven rights issue at 250p represented a 16.3 per cent discount to Boase's opening price of 299p before the announcement. The shares, which closed 8p lower at 291p, have been as high as 369p this year. The net £9.3 million raised will finance the Granby purchase and other acquisitions.

REPUBLICQUE DU ZAIRE DEPARTEMENT DES MINES ET ENERGIE SOCIETE NATIONALE D'ELECTRICITE. Avis d'appel d'offres international. Extension du réseau électrique de la ville de Kinshasa et électrification rurale de la région du Bas-Zaïre.

IF YOU'RE STILL BUYING COMPANY CARS, MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRADE IN YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISER! MEVC Contract Hire & Leasing. Your company car fleet is an expensive depreciating asset. Costing you time, money and effort to run.

BQ COMET WOOLWORTHS WOOLWORTH HOLDINGS PLC. THIS ADVERTISEMENT IS PUBLISHED BY WOOLWORTH HOLDINGS PLC ('WOOLWORTH'). THE DIRECTORS OF WOOLWORTH ARE THE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS ADVERTISEMENT TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF (HAVING TAKEN ALL REASONABLE CARE TO ENSURE THAT SUCH IS THE CASE).

Coopers & Lybrand. Bond raises Hampton stake to 36%. BASE LENDING RATES. COUP.

WALL STREET

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares reached records in early trading yesterday after struggling off initial weakness.

Stronger bonds again provided support, traders said. A weaker-than-expected 0.2 per cent rise in May leading indicators for the American economy added evidence for a discount rate cut, they said.

From Monday's record close, the Dow Jones industrial average went further ahead, gaining 3.51 points to 1896.23 at one point.

The blue chip index dropped back to 1893.42 by late morning. Advances led declines by a three-to-two margin on volume of 23 million shares.

Nasdaq and secondary issues were strong participants. Sanders Associates led the actives, down 1/2 at 53 1/4.

After a proposed leveraged buyout, Midland Ross was up 6 1/2 to 28 1/4.

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., AMR, ASA, ASB) and their corresponding prices and changes.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES
Market rates close July 1
N York 1.2855-1.4880
London 1.2855-1.4880

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES (continued)
Market rates close July 1
1 month 1.2855-1.4880
3 months 1.2855-1.4880

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES (continued)
Market rates close July 1
1 month 1.2855-1.4880
3 months 1.2855-1.4880

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES (continued)
Market rates close July 1
1 month 1.2855-1.4880
3 months 1.2855-1.4880

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES (continued)
Market rates close July 1
1 month 1.2855-1.4880
3 months 1.2855-1.4880

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES (continued)
Market rates close July 1
1 month 1.2855-1.4880
3 months 1.2855-1.4880

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES (continued)
Market rates close July 1
1 month 1.2855-1.4880
3 months 1.2855-1.4880

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES (continued)
Market rates close July 1
1 month 1.2855-1.4880
3 months 1.2855-1.4880

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES (continued)
Market rates close July 1
1 month 1.2855-1.4880
3 months 1.2855-1.4880

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES (continued)
Market rates close July 1
1 month 1.2855-1.4880
3 months 1.2855-1.4880

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Sterling, Gold, and Euro Money Deposits.

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Sterling, Gold, and Euro Money Deposits.

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Sterling, Gold, and Euro Money Deposits.

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Sterling, Gold, and Euro Money Deposits.

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including Sterling, Gold, and Euro Money Deposits.

COMMODITIES

Table showing commodity prices for items like Wheat, Soybeans, and Coffee.

Table showing commodity prices for items like Wheat, Soybeans, and Coffee.

Table showing commodity prices for items like Wheat, Soybeans, and Coffee.

Table showing commodity prices for items like Wheat, Soybeans, and Coffee.

Table showing commodity prices for items like Wheat, Soybeans, and Coffee.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table showing investment trust performance metrics.

Table showing investment trust performance metrics.

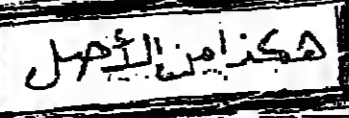
Table showing investment trust performance metrics.

Table showing investment trust performance metrics.

Table showing investment trust performance metrics.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Large table containing detailed information for various unit trusts, including names, managers, and performance data.



STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Selective support

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 23. Dealings end July 11. Settlement day July 14. Settlement day July 21. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Portfolio Gold

DAILY DIVIDEND £4,000

Claims required for +37 points Claimants should ring 0254-53272

Portfolio Gold

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements. Add them up to give you your overall total. Check this against the daily dividend figure published on this page. If it matches you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money. If you are a loser you will follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

Table with columns: No., Company, Group, Gain or Loss. Lists various companies and their share price changes.

Weekly Dividend table with columns: MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, Value.

BRITISH FUNDS

Table with columns: No., Fund Name, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various British funds.

Table with columns: No., Fund Name, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various funds under 'SHORTS (Under Five Years)'.

Table with columns: No., Fund Name, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various funds under 'OVER FIFTEEN YEARS'.

Table with columns: No., Fund Name, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various funds under 'UNDATED'.

Table with columns: No., Fund Name, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various funds under 'INDEX-LINKED'.

Table with columns: No., Fund Name, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various funds under 'BANKS DISCOUNT HP'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'BREWERIES'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'BUILDINGS AND ROADS'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'FINANCE AND LAND'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'FOODS'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'CHEMICALS, PLASTICS'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'HOTELS AND CATERERS'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'INDUSTRIALS A-D'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'DRAPERY AND STORES'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'ELECTRICALS'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'E-K'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'INSURANCE'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'LEISURE'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'MINING'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'L-R'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'HOTELS AND CATERERS'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'INDUSTRIALS A-D'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'DRAPERY AND STORES'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'S-Z'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'OVERSEAS TRADERS'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'PROPERTY'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'MINING'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'SHIPPING'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'SHOES AND LEATHER'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'TEXTILES'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS'.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % P/E. Lists various companies under 'OIL' and 'TOBACCO'.

Vertical text on the left margin containing various notices and advertisements.

Vertical text on the right margin containing various notices and advertisements.

Enterprise that thrives in a world of its own

An overwhelming sense of isolation has dominated the development of Western Australia, both economically and socially. "You're from the East, are you?" said with a hint of distrust, is a typical greeting for people from the rest of Australia.

This is not meant to suggest that the sandgraspers, as West Australians are called by their fellow countrymen — because their forebears groped in the sand for gold — are anything other than friendly, but rather to indicate the sense of "not belonging" to the rest of the country that permeates life in the West.

It is this isolation, the locals tell visitors, that has given WA the great entrepreneurial spirit of which they are so proud, and West Australians point to such figures as Alao Bond, of America's Cup fame, and Robert Holmes à Court, the corporate raider and would-be owner of Australia's biggest company, BHP, as examples. They fail to tell you that neither was born in the state nor, for that matter, in Australia. However, both made their fortunes in the freewheeling environment of the West.

Mr Bond, in particular, is a classic rags-to-riches story. He arrived from England with no more than a keen eye for business. Today he heads an empire which includes property, brewing, mining and oil. He is one of WA's "sons", particularly since bringing home the America's Cup.

The America's Cup served to show the rest of the world, and, to an extent, the rest of Australia the enormous

growth which has taken place in the state over the past 20 years, fuelled largely by the minerals boom. Today Western Australia has the highest growth rate of any state in Australia and has doubled its population in the last 20 years.

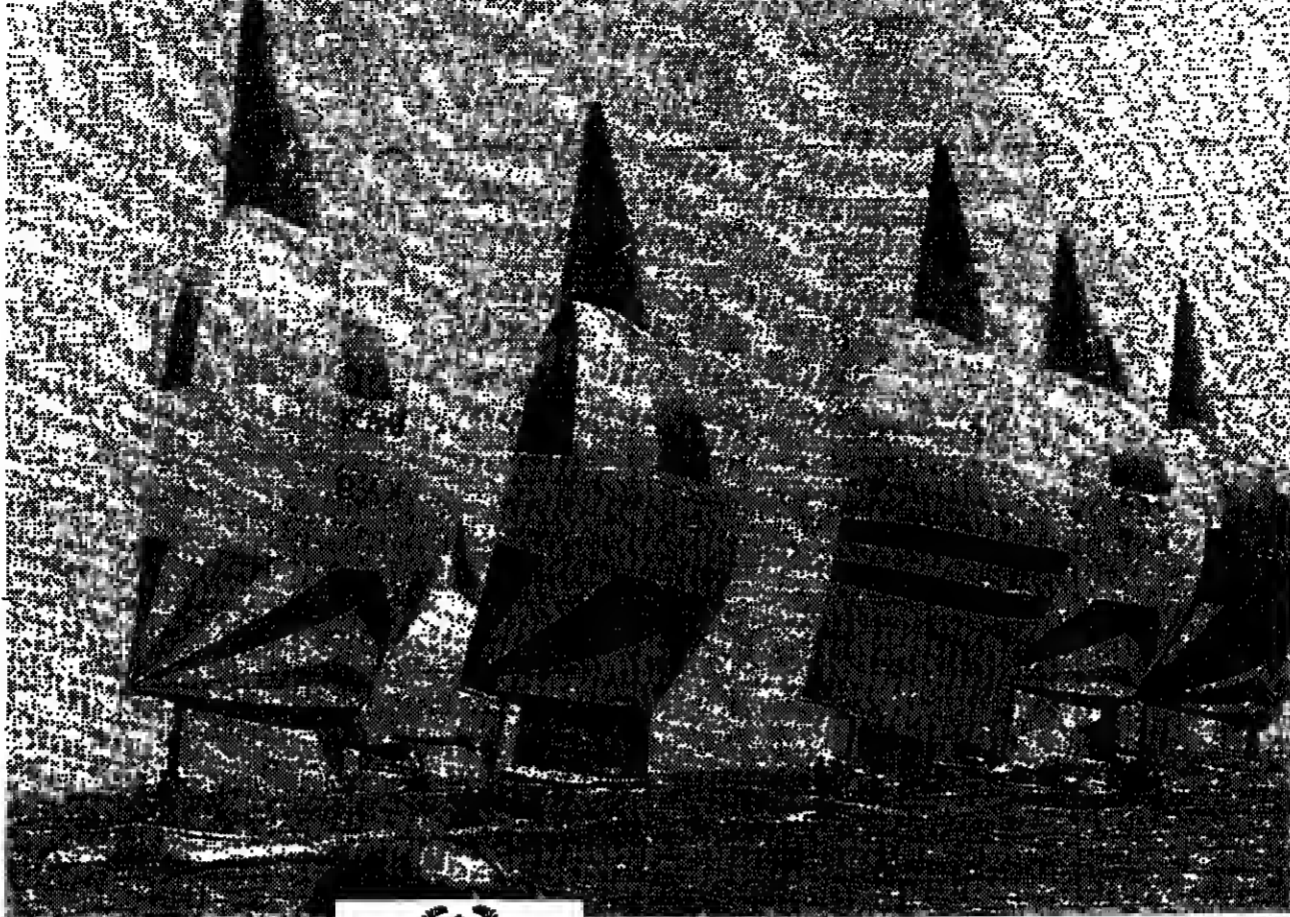
Perhaps one needs to look at one or two statistics to fully understand Western Australia's feeling of isolation and some of the resentment it feels towards people in the East and the politicians in Canberra in particular.

For example, Western Australia occupies nearly a third of the total land mass of mainland Australia, yet has slightly fewer than 1½ million people out of a national population of slightly more

The last state to join the Commonwealth

than 16 million; Perth, the state capital, is closer to Jakarta than Sydney and is the most isolated capital city of its size anywhere in the world, its nearest neighbour being Adelaide, 2,000 km (1,250 miles) to the east; the state produces more than 20 per cent of Australia's export income, yet has only about 9 per cent of the population, a greater proportion of export earnings per capita than any other state.

Another source of resentment is the high cost of air fares between Perth and the rest of the country. For example, an economy return between Perth and Melbourne, a distance of 2,700 km by air, is A\$682 (about £340), and the train fare, including a sleeper, is about the same. The road



Full sail ahead: A race gets underway at Fremantle, near Perth, site of the America's Cup. Right: Brian Burke, popular Premier of the state of Western Australia

journey is now no longer the drama it used to be, but it is only in the last 20 years that the final stretch of unsealed road on the main highway linking WA with the east has been sealed.

Historically, the state has had an uneasy relationship with the rest of Australia and periodically the separatist movement, always under the surface, calls for the state to break away from the Australian Commonwealth.

WA achieved self-government only in 1890 and was even then largely dependent on the UK for funds and was the last state to join the Commonwealth of Australia. The state parliament had hocked moves in 1898 and 1899 to hold a referendum on the issue of joining the proposed Commonwealth.

After federation WA did not benefit from the industrialization that occurred in New South Wales and Victoria but continued to depend on agriculture and gold mining.

The First World War took a heavy toll of the state's young men and its impact was all the greater in such a relatively

small population. After the war attempts were made to develop the state's South-West and many under-privileged people from Britain were encouraged to take up large allotments. Unfortunately, most had no idea of farming and the scheme failed.

In 1948 land 400 miles east of Perth was opened up to settlement when it was found that what had been considered unusable could be used for wheat-growing with the addition of certain trace elements. The scheme prospered and oow WA is the biggest wheat-producing state.

However, again the state was dependent on agriculture and no firmer footing had been found for its economy. It still received more from the Commonwealth government than it provided in revenue and its relationship with the more prosperous eastern states was that of a mendicant.

The situation started to change only with the decision by the federal government in 1960 to allow the export of iron ore, until then considered a strategic resource and, because it was felt Australia barely possessed enough for its own needs, forbidden to be exported.

Today WA is one of the world's largest sources of iron ore and possesses two of the world's biggest deposits, at Mt Newman and Mt Tom Price, each of which produces about 40 million tonnes a year. The state has the capacity to produce annually about 110 million tonnes of iron ore. Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and Europe are the main customers.

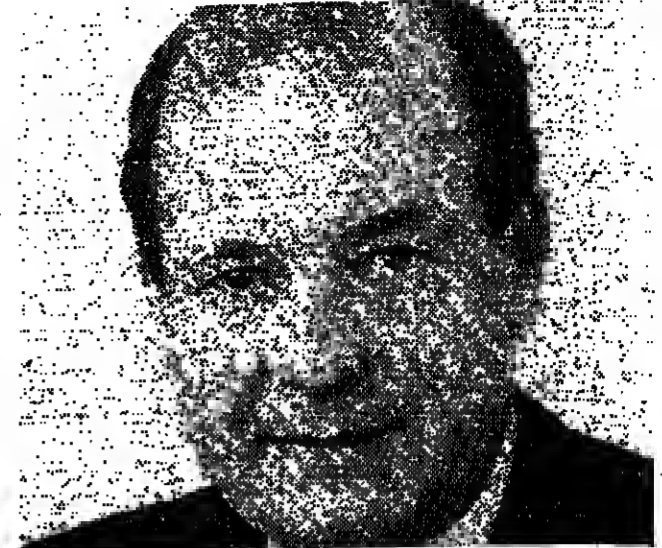
In addition to iron ore, WA is the world's largest single producer of bauxite. The state's other major mineral products are: mineral sands,

gold, nickel, salt for chemicals, copper, zinc, silica, crude oil, natural gas and brown coal. The North-West Shelf natural gas scheme is the largest engineering project in Australia; it is estimated that between now and 1990 A\$11 billion will be invested in the scheme and it will earn US\$90 billion.

All this prosperity and development, with its attendant building boom, has come about within the space of 26 years since the momentous decision by Canberra to lift the export ban on ore. This has transformed WA from a mainly agricultural state with the sort of infrastructure and services demanded by such an economy into a prime world resource power.

Such activity has attracted people to the West from all over Australia to obtain the higher wages being paid at some of the more remote projects.

However, most of the influx has ended up in Perth, which is the attraction for many newly arrived migrants both from overseas and inside Australia. Perth has a Mediterra-



nean climate and a extremely relaxed lifestyle which many people find irresistible.

With house prices between a third and half those of Melbourne and Sydney, one of the highest pleasure-boat ownership figures in the country and a city where it is still possible, physically and financially, to live within a quarter of an hour's drive of work, it is not surprising that it draws people looking for a new start.

Holding court over this seemingly ideal state of affairs is Brian Burke, the Premier, the third youngest in the state's history. Mr Burke was re-elected for a second three-year term last February and

Much of the race euphoria will boost the Premier

became the first Premier in WA in 30 years to lead a Labor Party government to victory in consecutive polls.

A former journalist and TV current-affairs reporter, Mr Burke is one of the new breed of Labor politicians in Australia: who feels no overwhelming allegiance to the trade-union movement. Very much a Bob Hawke man, he is close to the federal Prime Minister.

Born in 1947, the third of five children of Madeline and the late Thomas Burke, he was brought up in a Roman Catholic, political home. His father was a federal Labor minister in the 1940s. Mr Burke has had a rapid rise to the top since entering state parliament in 1973. He was appointed a

shadow minister of the state Opposition in 1976 and elected party leader in 1981. In February 1983 he led the party back to government.

He has a reputation for being able to get to the point of an argument quickly and reduce it to its simplest form, a quality he learnt in his years as a TV reporter. Since winning the leadership, he has successfully dealt with the more extreme elements on both the left and the right.

Should Australia retain the America's Cup next year, much of the euphoria will no doubt rub off on the Premier. The state government has put a lot of effort and money into ensuring that the event provides a world showcase for Western Australia and Australia in general.

The state government's input is about A\$50 million (about £25 million). It is estimated that the event will bring in A\$600 million over the period from Christmas 1983 until the racing ends some time next year. Undoubtedly, the America's Cup is the focal point for the state for the next six months.

The only cloud on the horizon is the downturn in world mineral prices. However, the slump in prices can be seen only as a temporary setback. With continued turmoil in South Africa and that country's uncertain political future, Western Australia's mineral industry, given that it produces much of what South Africa exports, can look forward to a bright future in the long run.

Tony Duboulin



Australians working with the world.

AUSTRALIA. Young. Vigorous. Land of opportunity. Land of the future.

AUSTRALIA. Home of the Bond Corporation, where we are in the business of making opportunities. And making the most of them.

BOND. Successful. Strong. Growing. Australian and proud of it, but international too - the world is our market place. We do business in the UK, USA, Canada, the Middle East and, increasingly, Asia.

We believe in the most modern methods and equipment. But above all we believe in people. Because progress comes from people (we've never heard of a method or a machine that invented itself). And we believe in Australians - because we know what they can achieve.

Bond's Australians have built Bond Corporation into a dynamic international enterprise, secure on a strong and diversified cash-flow base: BREWING (across thirsty Australia and in the USA, plus growing exports); ELECTRONIC

MEDIA (TV and radio); ENERGY (oil and coal in Australia, international exploration).

As a major property developer we are working in joint ventures on some of Australia's biggest city redevelopments. We are in retailing, minerals and real estate. We are the major shareholder in the partnership distributing the outstanding Korean Hyundai cars in Australia - a practical expression of our expanding associations in China and the Asian-Pacific region.

We see great potential worldwide for our strategic investment in Airship Industries Ltd, with Skyships having military, coastguard, rescue, tourism and advertising applications.

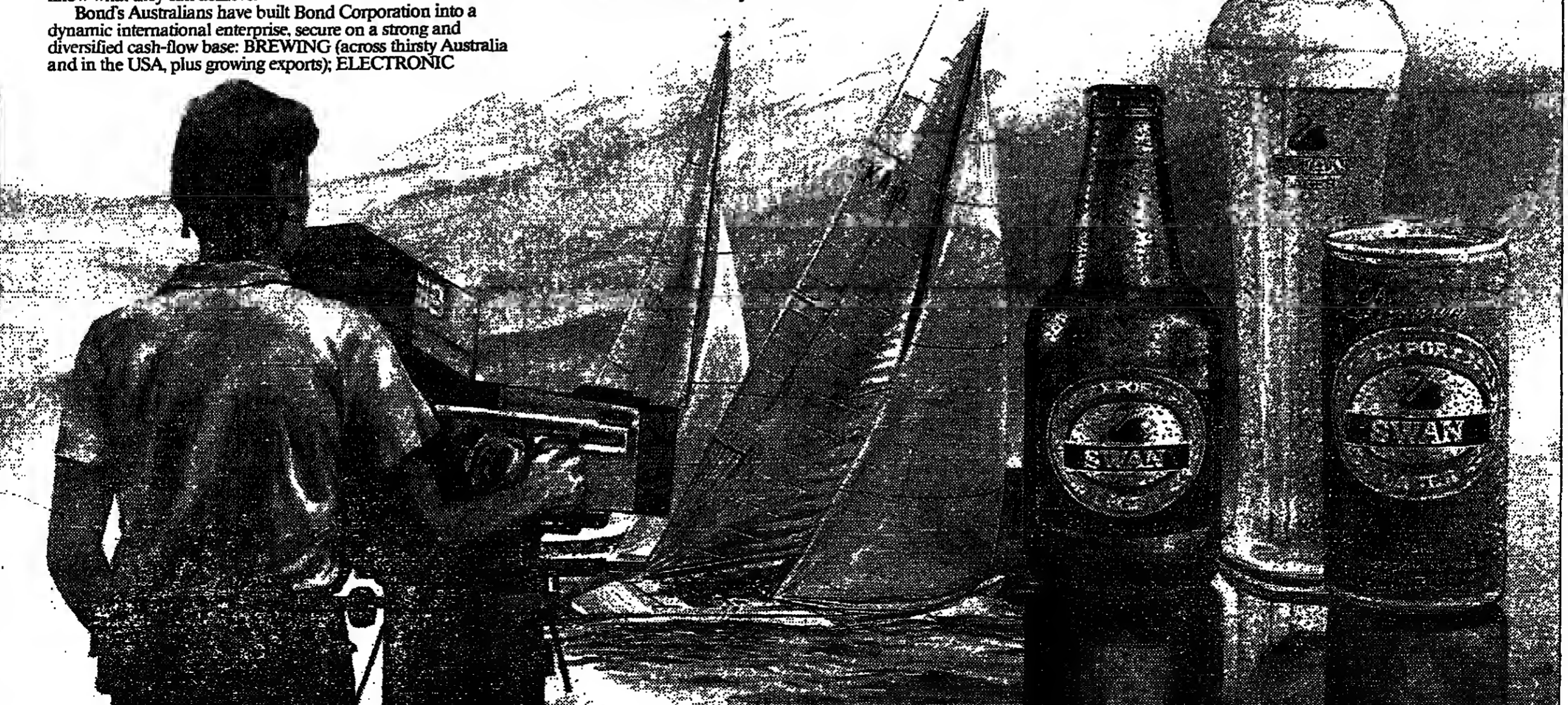
It was Australian ability and determination which captured

the world's attention when we won the America's Cup - and Bond was part of it.

That spirit of modern Australia will be shown again in the coming months when the America's Cup is contested off the coast of Perth, Western Australia.

At Bond we are proud that we played a part in turning the international spotlight on opportunity-rich Australia. Not for ourselves, but for all Australians.

Bond Corporation, International House, 26 St. George's Terrace, Perth, Western Australia 6000. Telephone: Perth 325 4555. Telex: Australia 92901. Telecopier: Perth 325 4156.



Last gro...
s under

Talk to...
by the S...

The political turmoil in South Africa and the defence of the America's Cup could both bring benefits to mining and tourism

Last great hope is underground

Mining is Western Australia's last great hope for the future, as its farmers and manufacturers battle against rising domestic costs, crippling interest rates and shrinking markets. Gold, silver, diamonds, coal, bauxite, oil and gas, uranium, cobalt, copper, tin, nickel — almost every mineral known to mankind has been found in the state.

Political turmoil in South Africa could open up a new era of mineral development in Western Australia, one of the few places on earth with comparable mineral resources — and the supremely important advantage of a stable, democratic society. There are signs that its political leaders are now determined to capitalize on this natural asset, no longer content to see their state remain a quarry for the world.

Western Australia's mineral production was worth more than A\$5,000 million (about £2,135 million) last year, and its mines accounted for 21 per cent of national mineral exports.

Yet most West Australian minerals are still exported as raw material. The state has no steel industry, no blast furnaces and no pelletizing plants for the simplest form of iron ore processing, despite a huge energy surplus in the form of natural gas.

The rich new Argyle diamond mine, in the state's far northern Kimberley region, is a vivid illustration of the problems besetting West Australian mine developers. Argyle will increase free world diamond production by around 50 per cent, increase international gem diamond output by 20 per cent, and provide the world, for the first time, with an assured supply of industrial diamonds.

However, Australia will still have to import diamonds for jewellery and industry, as Argyle's output is mostly sold through the De Beers cartel. The international banks insisted on this as a condition of their finance — A\$460 million.

The mine is owned by Conzaco Rio Tinto Australia (56.6 per cent), Ashcroft Mining (36.2 per cent) and the West Australian Diamond Trust (5 per cent). Argyle will contribute A\$200 million or more to national mineral export earnings for the next 20 years or more, if present buoyant market trends continue.

The gold industry, however, is thriving, and still tax-free, though this privileged status may not last much longer. Some of Australia's shrewdest businessmen, such as Alan Bond and John Elliott, are investing millions in Kalgoorlie's mines and associated industries. Western Australia's 1985 gold production of 41,196 kilos was only a fraction of South Africa's 700,000 kilos but an estimated 959 tonnes remain to be exploited in Australia, much of it in the west.

Vast iron ore mines in the northern Pilbara province have made Western Australia even wealthier in the past 20 years, a period of astonishing economic development, with handsome profits for overseas investors.

Employment growth was twice the national average in 1971-83, with population and the value of gross state production well above the national average. Today, the state's unemployment rate of 8 per cent is just above the national average of 7.9 per cent.

Iron ore still represented almost 40 per cent (A\$2,000

million) of Western Australia's mineral production in 1985 but the mining companies have suffered with the international steel industry in recent years. Longer term, their future looks good, given the Pilbara's proximity to the Asian markets.

Past iron ore earnings have been impressive. From a combined total investment of A\$5,000 million, the companies have already mined 1,192 million tonnes of ore, worth A\$16,000 million, according to official figures, which would have been even higher if the Japanese had not proved themselves more skillful negotiators than the local developers.

A giant in the international league is the North Rankin gas field, off the Pilbara coast, with reserves of 200 billion cubic metres of gas and 125 million barrels of condensate. The North West Shelf consortium — the Australian companies Woodside and BHP, as well as BP, Australia, Cal Asiatic, Shell, and Mitsui (Mitsubishi-Mitsui), all equal partners — has invested A\$1,200 million in the project, the biggest in Australian history.

By 1994, when fully operational, it could be earning the developers A\$2,000 million a year, with liquefied natural gas



Tough political decisions must be made

(ing) contracts signed with eight Japanese power utilities which declined to sign contracts until Japanese capital was assured a one-sixth share of the project.

It is already providing valuable work for local metal-fabricating shops. It will make Western Australia self-sufficient in energy for a long time, but, ironically, Perth house-holders have to pay bigger power bills — a 12 per cent increase — to meet costs incurred by the state energy commission, which is legally obliged to buy far more of the gas than it can sell for the foreseeable future.

The commission is also facing a 1985-86 interest bill of A\$240 million, much of it due to the cost of borrowing one billion dollars or so to build a pipeline to bring the gas south to Perth. The interest bill is on the verge of overtaking the projected cost of generating electricity, A\$252 million.

This awesome problem is the result of an extraordinary "take or pay" contract signed in 1980, the only one the developers had in hand when they launched the ambitious project, encouraged by naively optimistic politicians. The deal obliges the government to buy 10.9 million cubic metres



Wine, sign and mine: Revellers tread the grape at a wine festival in the Swan Valley, near Perth, and one of the original wine regions of Western Australia; a thoughtful road notice and, right, the search for iron ore



On the beach at Whatsitsnameville

Western Australia is a rattling good place for the simple meteorologist. Where else in the world can climate be understood in terms of two straightforward concepts?

In winter low pressure fronts off the Indian Ocean sweep across the South-West to sustain agriculture during the short wet winters. In summer high pressure cells inland maintain long dry summers. There are, of course, some minor complications like cyclones in the North, but the weather pattern is basically up and down, hot and cold.

The economy matches the weather. In the absence of any significant manufacturing sector, the state relies heavily on agriculture and mining. Like the weather, both are prey to changing conditions overseas, so successive governments have sought to diversify the state's economy.

That need for diversification has seldom been more urgent. Wheat prices are falling faster than costs are rising. The demand for iron ore and nickel has dropped lower than the pits and shafts supplying these minerals. Only gold is looking good — and tourism.

The defence of the America's Cup by former Englishman and local megamillionaire Alan Bond now appears ideally suited to flatten, if not halt, Western Australia's declining fortunes. The troubled West may yet experience a yacht-led economic recovery.

Western Australia is now looking to imports to bridge the bad times. The imports are tourists. With the pound oozing almost A\$2.2 there is no argument that tourists will be financially on top Down Under, provided they can first find the air fare for travelling halfway around the world.

The predictions for the tourist boom are quite extraordinary. The University of Western Australia's Centre for Applied and Business Research expects 1.26 million visitors, spending about A\$1 billion during the October-to-February cup race period, with 146,000 from overseas. These figures need to be measured against the population of Western Australia — only 1.4

million — and the last overseas visitor intake statistics of 33,000 in 1984.

Most visitors are expected from New South Wales and Victoria. With 1,800 miles, the Nullarbor Plain and the high cost of interstate air fares between Perth and the eastern seaboard capitals, tens of thousands of Australians have never seen the west coast.

Why go to the West? Apart from the interest of watching the world's millionaires race their 12-metre yachts in the Indian Ocean just off Fremantle, the little port eight miles

downriver from Perth, visitors can observe and maybe even join the rich and famous spending their leisure hours on shore.

The state government's America's Cup office is suggesting that a carnival atmosphere will result. Apart from the yachting there will be plenty of other sports and, for those with more cerebral interests, the Festival of Perth should meet most needs.

February, when the final races will be held, is high summer in Western Australia, with temperatures regularly topping 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius).

To ease any pain in helping the visitors empty their pockets the federal government has spent A\$30 million (£13.6 million) and Western Australia close to double that amount to spruce up the state in readiness for the expected influx.

"Four of Fremantle's 21 hotels are now on the market," said Jeff Brockway, chairman of the Fremantle Real Estate Institute. "Pubs have been bought, since the cup was won by Bond in 1983, for A\$300,000 to A\$400,000, refurbished and put on the market for A\$1 million. But it is very difficult to sell a pub on the basis of what may or may not happen."

The problems faced by investors lie in the uncertainty of general public interest in the America's Cup races and the awful possibility that the

cup may not be retained by Western Australia. With an initial involvement of 16 syndicates and copious amounts of money being spent to defend or win the cup, the hyperbole and publicity has been enough to swamp the average onlooker.

Suggesting that the cup might be lost so Fremantle becomes yet again the little town we will never forget, Whatsitsnameville, is dangerous for any local writer. But that possibility lurks in the mind of every developer haunted by the spectre of huge

inevitably there have been attempts to exploit the situation. For the five-month yacht racing period, A\$280 a week may get you a one-bedroom flat, A\$1,500 a week a three-bedroom, architect-designed house in or near Fremantle. Elsewhere in the metropolitan area a reasonable flat costs about A\$60 a week, a house A\$150.

Apart from the races and associated events, what else is there to attract the tourists? Fremantle is a pleasant and, in Australian terms, an historical little town, a well-preserved slice of 19th-century first settlement. But to anyone used to European history the port will prove something of a yawn.

Perth is attractively situated upstream on the Swan River, but, blink twice in the central business district with its concrete canyons of high-rise steel and plate-glass and you could be in any modern western city.

The real interest in Western Australia lies in the landscape and lifestyle. There are so few people living in a state of a million square miles and most are in and around Perth. The climate on the south-west coast is Mediterranean. At the top it is tropical. In the centre

is desert, once the testing ground for Britain's Bluestreak rocket. The environment away from the southwest coast is harsh and unforgiving. The short history of European settlement has been viciously cruel to the original landowners. There are now only about 40,000 Aborigines left in the state after the ravages of disease and gun. Only now, as Australia approaches the bicentenary of European settlement in 1988, are Australians starting to look again to their history and question some of the values of the past.

And here lies the problem for the West Australian government, keen to promote its attractions of great potential and high living with the rich and powerful during the America's Cup against the obvious appeal of a slower, easier and more pleasant lifestyle, and the real, raw open spaces of the outback.

Duncan Graham

The author, an academic researcher and journalist, last year won the Walkley Award, a national journalism award, for feature writing

Australians are starting to look again to their history and question the past

downriver from Perth, visitors can observe and maybe even join the rich and famous spending their leisure hours on shore.

The state government's America's Cup office is suggesting that a carnival atmosphere will result. Apart from the yachting there will be plenty of other sports and, for those with more cerebral interests, the Festival of Perth should meet most needs.

February, when the final races will be held, is high summer in Western Australia, with temperatures regularly topping 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius).

To ease any pain in helping the visitors empty their pockets the federal government has spent A\$30 million (£13.6 million) and Western Australia close to double that amount to spruce up the state in readiness for the expected influx.

"Four of Fremantle's 21 hotels are now on the market," said Jeff Brockway, chairman of the Fremantle Real Estate Institute. "Pubs have been bought, since the cup was won by Bond in 1983, for A\$300,000 to A\$400,000, refurbished and put on the market for A\$1 million. But it is very difficult to sell a pub on the basis of what may or may not happen."

The problems faced by investors lie in the uncertainty of general public interest in the America's Cup races and the awful possibility that the



Fleece first: Moving sheep the modern way

Trading or Investing in Western Australia?

Talk to the bank that's guaranteed by the State of Western Australia.

No bank knows Western Australia better than the R&I because no bank has a bigger stake in the W.A. economy. No bank in Western Australia can serve you better.

Our London branch can provide a wide range of services including investment advice and highly competitive rates for all your Australian Dollar Foreign Exchange requirements.

For further information call Michael Brisbane or Adrian Sinden on (01) 256 5600.

Park House, 16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ. Telex: 298971.

R&I
BANK OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Major sponsor to PacRim '86.

"Since its establishment more than a century ago, Robinson Cox has developed a tradition of close personal service in the law. The most modern technology in data and word processing, information retrieval and communications is employed by Robinson Cox to ensure that the 23 partners have time to meet the firm's commitment to personal service."

RC
ROBINSON COX
SOLICITORS
Perth, Western Australia

Company and Commercial Law
Commercial Litigation
Resources and Mining Law
Banking and Corporate Finance
Insurance Law
Property and Conveyancing

AMP Tower,
140 St. George's Terrace,
Perth, Western Australia 6000.
Telephone: Perth 426 8444.
FAX (G3: G2): Perth 481 3095.
DX: 115 Perth.

Legal advisers to Australia's Defence, America's Cup 1987 and proud sponsors of the PacRim '86 international symposium on finance, trade and investment in the Pacific Rim region.

As the balance of economic power tilts towards the Asia-Pacific region, exciting trade and investment opportunities are emerging. The markets of Asia await the products of enterprise and industry. And they're right on the doorstep of Western Australia — a vast State rich in resources and skills.

EXIM was established by the Government of Western Australia to help producers, traders and investors penetrate the Asian market-place. EXIM has the local knowledge, and the Government backing to make things happen.

We're already marketing a wide range of Australian products and expertise; and in all the key industries — energy, agriculture, technology, communications, manufacturing, minerals, mining, finance, investment, fisheries, research and education.

Our services are used by manufacturers, traders and investors — big and small. We've also developed a scheme to make it easy for people to come to Australia under the Business Migration Programme.

Contact EXIM — and see how you can profit from our dynamic presence in Asia.

THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN EXIM CORPORATION
P.O. Box 7374, Cloisters Square, Perth, W.A. 6000 Australia.
Telephone: (09) 481 0366, Telex: WAEXIM AA 96559,
Fax: (09) 481 0367.

EXIM

Farmers wait for a lift in the economy

For more than a decade farming in Western Australia has been hit by drought and recession. Real gross value of rural production in the state is expected to fall by 23 per cent in 1985-86 from the record level in 1984-85 — enough, it could be expected, to send another groan through the rural community.

About 17 million hectares of land are cleared for agriculture on a diverse range of soil types which are among the oldest in the world. Consequently, the soils are mostly infertile and need superphosphate, trace elements and nitrogenous fertilizers.

Production from the state's 14,000 farmers is high, accounting for 19.6 per cent of national production in both wheat and wool. The figure for meat production is 14.9 per cent for mutton and lamb and 9 per cent for beef and veal.

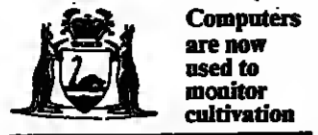
Horticulture earns more than A\$160 million (about £69 million), with A\$45 million coming from fruit and more than A\$60 million from vegetables. Exports, mostly to Singapore, are worth more than A\$10 million.

Viticulture's earnings are worth about A\$25 million, with wine contributing A\$22

million and ornamental plants and flowers about A\$30 million. Ten per cent of this production is exported.

So far, the state has yet to see the "prophecies of gloom" come true — farmers in their hundreds walking off the land. Economists remain steadfast in their forecasts and farmers remain steadfast in their faith in the land.

In the north of the state, there is renewed enthusiasm for the giant Ord river scheme and research is under way to



Computers are now used to monitor cultivation

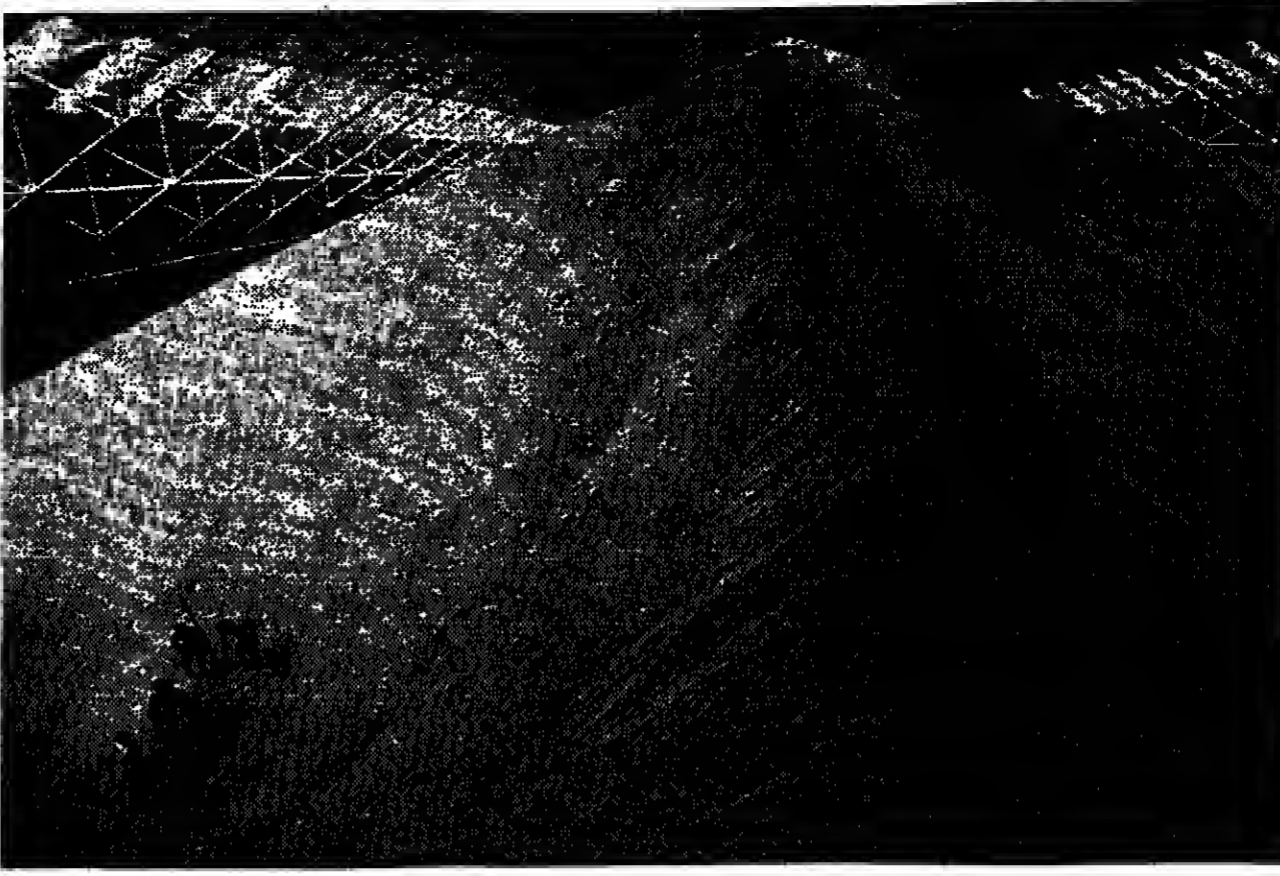
establish marketable crops, such as rice, peanuts, sugar and many kinds of fruit and vegetable. Israeli farmers are establishing themselves on huge tracts of land and are using the dry farming techniques which have been so successful in their own country. Beef farmers in the Pilbara are generally optimistic about the future of their industry.

In the cereal growing areas of the state, which boasts

several of the world's biggest wheat farms — up to 75,000 hectares (about 185,000 acres) planted on a single farm — research and development has become a high priority in the drive for increased cropping yields and improved plant varieties. New management techniques are paying dividends as farmers learn more of the interplay between soil, crops and machinery.

Conventional cultivation is changing with the introduction of new crop rotations such as wheat/lupins/barley to replace the year-in, year-out monoculture. Reduced cultivation, commonly referred to as minimum tillage or conservation farming, is spreading rapidly. It involves the use of chemicals for weed control and less use of machinery to maintain soil structure; only about 30 per cent of the land cleared for farming can be regarded as stable.

A planting revolution involving the use of air seeders started in the state in 1978 and has grown in sophistication. Today computers are used to monitor seeding rates and to warn the farmer about malfunctioning machinery. Electronics is very much to the fore and much of the equip-



ment has been developed in the state.

Chemicals are an integral part of the new "new age" farming and again the state has its share of pioneers, particularly in low volume spraying.

In east Australia, water rates still top the 100 litres to one hectare mark. Spray boom

widths average 18 metres with the biggest so far produced measuring 31 metres.

Electronics also play an important role in chemical spraying. Monitors show an operator the precise amount being sprayed, the area covered, the volume of spray left and the volume of spray needed to complete the area

dialled into the computer.

Western Australia's animal industries gross nearly A\$1 billion, with about A\$390 million from livestock slaughtering and A\$386 million from livestock products. The state's rural land values have bottomed out and an upward swing is expected in September-October this year.

Grain mountain: Large world stocks mean depressed prospects for the state's producers on overseas markets

by 7.5 per cent. This increase was higher than the 1984 increase of 5.5 per cent and largely reflected the impact of the devaluation of the Australian dollar in the first half of 1985 on the price of fuel, fertilizers, chemicals and credit.

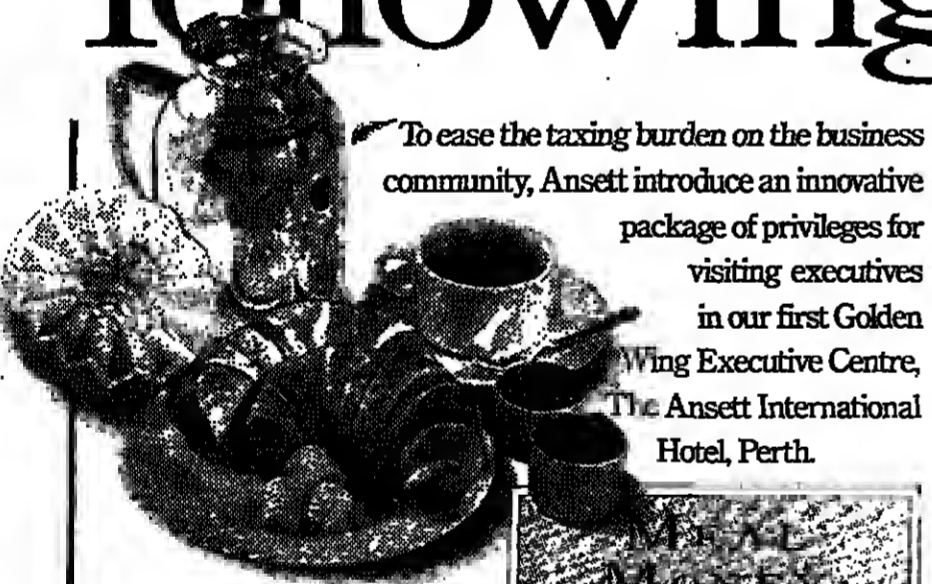
A large fall in grain production, and hence in the value of grain output, is the major factor underlying the expected 16 per cent fall to A\$2,189 million, in the gross value of Western Australia's agricultural production in 1985-86. The farm cost-price squeeze will continue to intensify in 1985-86 and 1986-87, placing further pressure on farm incomes.

The real gross value of agricultural production — which is a measure of the purchasing power of total production in terms of the quantity of inputs it would buy — is also forecast to fall by 23 per cent in 1985-86, to A\$1,459 million, the lowest since 1977-78. The forecast for 1986-87 shows a slight rise in the nominal gross value of agricultural production to A\$2,231 million, due to a rise in the value of wool, but the real gross value is expected to fall to A\$1,369 million.

After a generally good season in Western Australia in 1984, and record grain production in 1984-85, the 1985 season was at best "average" and areas sown to wheat, barley and oats in 1985-86 were down on the areas sown in 1984-85.

Ken Wilson
Western Farmer and Grazier
Perth

From now on, every executive visiting Australia is eligible for the following benefits.



To ease the taxing burden on the business community, Ansett introduce an innovative package of privileges for visiting executives in our first Golden Wing Executive Centre, The Ansett International Hotel, Perth.

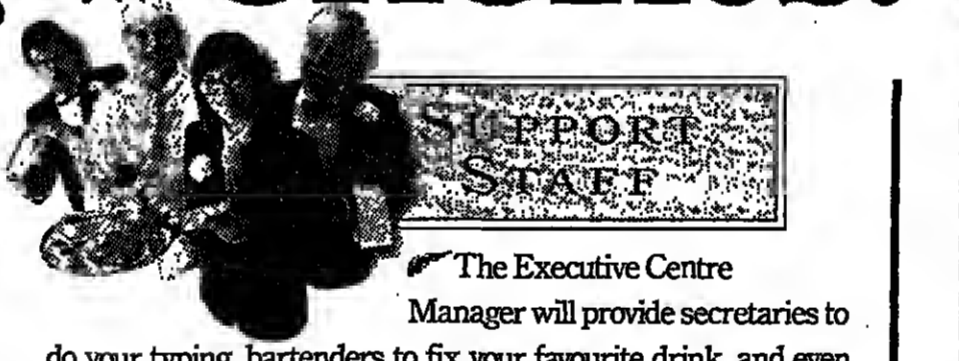
Our complimentary continental breakfasts will get your day off to a satisfying start. Then we offer a superb choice of gourmet cuisines, to make your entire trip more palatable. And to unwind, you can enjoy a quiet drink in our restful, exclusive lounge area.

Naturally when you're away from home you require comfortable, quiet accommodation.

With a fully-stocked fridge, 24-hour room service, ISD telephones, and a desk to work at, your luxurious yet functional bedroom has everything a busy executive could need.



Befitting your status, executive transport and chauffeurs are available. Mind you, we are in the heart of Perth's business district, so your travelling time will be minimal.



The Executive Centre Manager will provide secretaries to do your typing, bartenders to fix your favourite drink, and even your own butler. From collecting your luggage at the private Check-In, to pressing suits or booking restaurants and taxis, he'll arrange it all with consummate ease.

Local calls from the Executive Centre are on the house. And you can use our telex, FAX and dictaphones, private offices, a boardroom, and world-class meeting or convention facilities. It could be even more convenient than working in your own office.

To exercise the body corporate, we invite you to make free use of our modern, professionally-staffed gymnasium. And of course, the heated rooftop pool, spa and sauna.

For more information, please call our London Sales Office on 01-434-4071, for our new colour brochure.

After all, these days you need to make the most of every benefit you're still eligible for. And when you stay with us, that's plenty.

The Golden Wing Executive Centre.

The Ansett International Hotel, Perth.

10 Irwin Street, Perth, Western Australia. 6000. Telephone: (09) 325 0481. Telex: AA 92999.

Wool sack: Computerized sheep-shearing in Perth

The rush to get into hi-tech

Western Australia is throwing itself into the race to develop new and better technologies with all the gusto of a 19th century gold rush. Business and political leaders hope this surge of corporate and research activity in technology will have some of the same economic spin-offs as the periodic waves of goldmining.

The state government is encouraging technology development by providing financial assistance, cheap land or premises and business and marketing advice. The government is also pushing the benefits of information technology in its own public service and is putting more computers in school classrooms.

The mission has become a virtual obsession for Mal Bryce, Deputy Premier and technology minister, who has had to battle against the sceptics and the "tonnage" mentality towards economic progress.

"All that was good for Western Australia tended to be measured in terms of millions of tonnes of product shipped and billions of dollars invested," Mr Bryce lamented. "The idea of technology, particularly the high value-added, small volume type, was regarded as something alien to the general thrust of economic development in Western Australia."

Luckily, Western Australia has a relatively high degree of innovation and entrepreneurship for such a small population. Government and private sources of seed capital have mushroomed and Perth investors have eagerly backed a range of technology start-ups. The willingness to take a punt probably explains local investors' support for no less than half a dozen engine-related technologies.

The most celebrated is star stock market performer Sarich Technologies Trust, which has just signed an agreement with the Outboard Marine Corporation of Illinois for the development of fuel injection technologies. The fuel system is a spin-off of an orbital engine invented by Ralph Sarich in the late 1960s. Sarich's determination to succeed in such a difficult sector — the automotive industry — has earned him the

technology proponents. But the Sarich approach is something of a dilemma for the state government. The Sarich technologies will be manufactured under licence in overseas plants. The main benefit for Western Australia will be a stream of royalties and licence fees.

Barrack Technology Ltd, which is developing a fuel combustion process, has gone one step further by camping on the doorstep of its potential market. Last year Barrack shifted its entire research and development team to a high-tech centre in Boston. Western Australia's lack of a manufacturing base and its remoteness is a big problem for a job conscious state government.

About 97 per cent of Western Australia's 75,000 businesses are classified as small and few have significant manufacturing capability. Stock broker Ray Porter of Ray Porter and Partners Pty Ltd says the characteristics of the Western Australian entrepreneur suggest some successes will emerge from this flurry of endeavour.

So what are the chances of success and what technologies are likely to be winners? It is still too early to predict. A burgeoning electronics industry is attracting attention and development of technologies related to mining and agriculture is a natural progression. For instance, Acet Ltd is chasing sales in Brazil and China, after developing railway technologies for the heavy-duty rail systems run by the Pilbara iron ore producers.

Western Australians have a superb ability to stitch together deals and fund new ventures. Pipercross Technology Ltd, which makes high-performance air filters, is listed on Perth's second board, after failing to raise equity capital in England.

Most technology companies have little corporate history or only patchy sales records but there is still strong support for these pioneering businesses. Australia's young high-tech stocks have survived two share market shake-outs in the last two years. Venture and start-up capital markets are still in their infancy.

Vertical sidebar containing various advertisements including 'Direc', 'MORE SWIM THAN WIMBLES', 'PUBLIC AFFAIRS', 'CHANGES', 'SOLID SAILING', 'TEMPERATURE', 'Challo', 'P.R. OPPOR CHARLES BARRACK', 'WORK SHOP', 'Market R', 'PARCEP TO THE FIN ACCOUN £8,500', 'INTERIOR D ARCHITECTURA', and 'MEDICAL SE'.

LA CRÈME DE LA CRÈME

FRENCH
La Direction Générale recherche Sec de Direction ou à l'échelle comme spécialiste de haut niveau, personnalité remarquable...

BOYCE BILINGUAL
01 236 5501
7, Lodge St., EC4 (Open 9.30-4.30) EMP AGY

£11,000 and no shorthand!
Unusual opportunity in Hammersmith
Mind you, when you see Pa/Pa to the M.D. of a divisional group...

TEMP WITH US
Due to expansion of our temporary division we would like to recruit additional secretaries...

ADVERTISING - WITH A DIFFERENCE
£9,500
The MD of this young and successful consultancy (WC2) is seeking a 'right hand person'...

MARKETING
£10,000
Beauty and elegance are synonymous with the name of this international organisation...

£14,000
Bilingual English/French
Two senior American Secretaries - one in the City and the other in the West End...

MARKETING SEC
Bright career prospects for Sec in Marketing Dept of major international corporation...

MARKETING SEC
Bright career prospects for Sec in Marketing Dept of major international corporation...

MARKETING SEC
Bright career prospects for Sec in Marketing Dept of major international corporation...

THE OIL SECRETARY
from £7,500 +
A leading International Oil Company requires an efficient Secretary in their London office...

SALES ADMINISTRATOR
We are the London based UK agency of a major french glass manufacturer supplying the toiletry, cosmetics, pharmaceutical industries...

INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS SPORTS CLUB
In West London require a Secretary with shorthand and good accurate typing skills...

PA SEC
for surveys SW1.
£9,000. Busy all round job, audio, Wang WP (train right person).

PERSONAL ASSISTANT/SEC
A busy Account Director in the travel and leisure field is looking for a highly motivated, energetic, and professional PA...

PERSONAL ASSISTANT/SEC
A busy Account Director in the travel and leisure field is looking for a highly motivated, energetic, and professional PA...

PERSONAL ASSISTANT/SEC
A busy Account Director in the travel and leisure field is looking for a highly motivated, energetic, and professional PA...

PERSONAL ASSISTANT/SEC
A busy Account Director in the travel and leisure field is looking for a highly motivated, energetic, and professional PA...

PERSONAL ASSISTANT/SEC
A busy Account Director in the travel and leisure field is looking for a highly motivated, energetic, and professional PA...

PROPERTY BUYERS' GUIDE

PROPERTY BUYERS' GUIDE
LONDON PROPERTIES
£280
Conveyancing by City Solicitors
For buying or selling your home in the usual way, we charge £280 (+ V.A.T. and disbursements) for prices up to £50,000...

RIVER THAMES AT CHISWICK
Immac. substantial 5 bed Edwardian property, 2 reception rooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 en-suite, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, 2nd floor...

NOTTING HILL
SUNNY IMMACULATE PROPERTY 4 beds, 3 baths (2 en suite), fully fitted kitchen, dining room, drawing room, lounge, study, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, 2nd floor...

CHISWICK W4
Well modernised end of terrace Victorian house in Chiswick, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 en-suite, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, 2nd floor...

SWISS COTTAGE PRIMROSE HILL
Modern end of terrace house, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 en-suite, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, 2nd floor...

ISLINGTON N1
Delightful 2 bedroom Victorian house, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 en-suite, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, 2nd floor...

ADDISON SQUARE W14
Large detached house, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 en-suite, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, 2nd floor...

ADDISON SQUARE W14
Large detached house, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 en-suite, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, 2nd floor...

ADDISON SQUARE W14
Large detached house, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 en-suite, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, 2nd floor...

WHY NOT RE-MORTGAGE YOUR PROPERTY
And get the benefit of your equity
Installing Central Heating
Refrurbishment of your property
Extension of your property
School fees
Buying a Car
Going on holiday etc.

HIRSH INTERNATIONAL (FINANCIAL SERVICES) LTD.
One of Europe's leading Mortgage Brokers.
15, Berkeley Street, London W1X 5AE
Tel: 01-629 5051/2 TELEX 28374.

3 UNMODERNISED FREEHOLD NEWS HOUSES LANCASTER GATES W2
Excellent developing potentials. Plus demolishing potentials.
£350,000
Phone 01 499 7722

LEGS
Are you in need to find a house or flat to buy in Central London? I will be your legs and work round the clock to find the right property.

BLACKHEATH
£400,000 F/H. Located on exclusive Cedar Estate. Main floor: Art-Deco style 4 recep, 5 bed detached residence. The whole interior lavishly furnished with modern, high quality materials...

WIMBORNE PARK. Superb 16th century house of great character, situated in the heart of the village, 1200 sq ft, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 en-suite, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, 2nd floor...

WIMBORNE PARK. Superb 16th century house of great character, situated in the heart of the village, 1200 sq ft, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 en-suite, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, 2nd floor...

WIMBORNE PARK. Superb 16th century house of great character, situated in the heart of the village, 1200 sq ft, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 en-suite, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, 2nd floor...

WIMBORNE PARK. Superb 16th century house of great character, situated in the heart of the village, 1200 sq ft, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 en-suite, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, 2nd floor...

CONVEYANCING BY CITY SOLICITORS
McBride Wilson & Co
City of London Solicitors
Offer a personal professional service which need not be expensive. Why not phone Mr Wilson for a quote on 01-242 1300

CHESTERTONS RESIDENTIAL
EDEN CLOSE, ADAM AND EVE MEWS, W8
Modern development just off Kensington High Street. 2 bedroom furnished apartment, super kitchen, large garage. Available immediately. £250 per week. KENSINGTON OFFICE: 01 937 7244

DOCKLANDS WAPPING
Recently converted Maisonette, 2 beds, kitchen/diner, lounge onto communal gardens, near tube. £85,000
Tel: 01 265 0829 Eves

WINDSOR
Adjacent to Great Park
1 acre, easy access to Heathrow (M4). Situated (A25). 5 bedrooms, 2 en-suite bedrooms, 1st floor, 1st floor, 1st floor...

MASKELS ESTATE AGENTS
GARDEN MAISONETTE
CHISELSEA SW3
A spacious, well furnished, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 en-suite, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, 2nd floor...

MORTGAGES
100% to £50,000
95% to £250,000
Remortgages to £500,000
Non Status to £150,000
FREE CONVEYANCING
01-451 9555

WIMBORNE PARK. Superb 16th century house of great character, situated in the heart of the village, 1200 sq ft, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 en-suite, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, 2nd floor...

WIMBORNE PARK. Superb 16th century house of great character, situated in the heart of the village, 1200 sq ft, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 en-suite, 2nd floor, 2nd floor, 2nd floor...

STATES - SIDE
£11,000 + BONUS
The MD of a major international organisation is seeking a highly motivated, energetic, and professional PA...

SALES £28,000
The MD of a major international organisation is seeking a highly motivated, energetic, and professional PA...

PEOPLE PERSONS
£11,000 + BONUS
The MD of a major international organisation is seeking a highly motivated, energetic, and professional PA...

ONE CORKILL
The MD of a major international organisation is seeking a highly motivated, energetic, and professional PA...

ONE CORKILL
The MD of a major international organisation is seeking a highly motivated, energetic, and professional PA...

ONE CORKILL
The MD of a major international organisation is seeking a highly motivated, energetic, and professional PA...

ONE CORKILL
The MD of a major international organisation is seeking a highly motivated, energetic, and professional PA...

SUPER SECRETARIES

COLLEGE LEAVER - INTERIORS
£1,000 + wage. An outstanding opportunity for a young, enthusiastic, and professional PA...

RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY
An outstanding opportunity for a young, enthusiastic, and professional PA...

RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY
An outstanding opportunity for a young, enthusiastic, and professional PA...

RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY
An outstanding opportunity for a young, enthusiastic, and professional PA...

RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY
An outstanding opportunity for a young, enthusiastic, and professional PA...

PROPERTY BUYERS' GUIDE Runaway house prices. Three new ways to catch up.

London prices are 20% higher than a year ago. The South-East's have gone up 16.1%. Across Britain prices are up 11%.

So you'll be delighted with three new mortgages for people wanting £50,000 (or a great deal more).

Belgravia is a unique new 'cap and collar' mortgage. Belgravia rates go up and down with national levels, but with this difference:

For the first 5 years, you get guaranteed maximum and minimum rates. Currently, these are 11% and 8.5%.

The new Kensington mortgage has a fixed rate for the first five years.

And Knightsbridge is linked to the UK Money Market rate.

If you've already borrowed £50,000, or more, it's worth a call to see if one of these three new mortgages would be better than the one you've got.

If you don't need as much as £50,000, remember we're Britain's biggest independent mortgage specialists.

Of the hundreds of mortgages on offer, we can help you get the one that's just right for you and your property.

Call us for details or written quotations for Belgravia, Kensington and Knightsbridge, or any other mortgages on (01) 589-7080. Just ask for mortgage enquiries.

John Charcol IT'LL PAY YOU TO TALK TO US FIRST Mercury House, 195 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RE.

Table with mortgage rates: The Belgravia mortgage, A typical example at 10.75% APR 11.42%.

PHILIP CHARLES the estate agent 67a High St, Fulham S.W.14

BUYING OR SELLING? Our computer matching service is FREE to buyers only £250 + VAT to sellers.

CHAMPNEY SMITH Country House Specialists. Selling, buying, letting, leasing, valuations, conveyancing.

WEST PUTNEY Delightful detached house... ALBERT BRIDGE Road 4th floor... ELMS CRESCENT SW 4... GREENWICH 3 mins Park St...

PITNEY Sibney spacious 2 bed Victorian flat... SW6 Charming 1st floor mod 2 bed flat... BATTERSEA Charming 1 bed ground floor...

CLAPHAM COMMON spacious detached house... PUTNEY Sibney 2 bed Victorian flat... SE15 VICTORIAN COTTAGE ad... SW22 NAVERLILL ROAD 1st FZ...

ROYAL PORTRAIT PAINTERS... SE17 VICTORIAN HOUSE... BATTERSEA SW 6... CLAPHAM COMMON... WANDSWORTH SW18...

THE JEWEL IN BATTERSEA'S CROWN... BELSIZE PARK... HAMPSTEAD & HIGHTGATE... WANDSWORTH SW18... SOUTH OF THE THAMES... FASHIONABLE DOCKLANDS... WIMBLEDON... WIMBLEDON... WIMBLEDON...

WIMBLEDON... WIMBLEDON... WIMBLEDON... WIMBLEDON... WIMBLEDON... WIMBLEDON... WIMBLEDON... WIMBLEDON... WIMBLEDON... WIMBLEDON...

Town life in an old Cotswold retreat

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

Burford is one of the most charming of the Cotswolds towns. As a small medieval town, it built its prosperity on the wool trade...

When in 1812 the London road was diverted to the south, Burford's growth ended, and it was 100 years later that the "cult of picturesque Burford"...

John Baker of Hamptons says there is an extreme shortage of prime period property in the area and the firm has over 500 firm enquiries for properties that are simply not coming to the market.

Mr Baker adds: "People want period, detached, secluded but not isolated houses. They want cottages with a 40ft drawing room, and there are none. They have a clear view of what they want, but often do not realize that their requirements cannot be satisfied within one property."

Large garden plus acres of pasture. Mr Baker adds: "People want period, detached, secluded but not isolated houses. They want cottages with a 40ft drawing room, and there are none. They have a clear view of what they want, but often do not realize that their requirements cannot be satisfied within one property."

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY 1



Country house in the town: the Manor House, Chipping Norton, dating back to the 14th century, which is for sale at about £225,000

Property is scarce within Burford, but on the outskirts Hamptons are selling a 19th-century farmhouse, suitable for improvement. It stands in a fine rural position with about half a mile of frontage to the River Windrush...

Hamptons and Taylor and Fletcher of Chipping Norton are giving a guide price of £250,000. Four miles south of Burford is Filkins, where Filkins Hall, a Cotswold stone manor built in the 1930s...

At Chipping Norton, the Manor House is for sale. This listed house has evidence of its 14th-century origins but mostly dates from later. Built of Cotswold stone, the house has stone mullioned windows with leaded lights and fine early oak panelling.

Coach house to be redeveloped

A coach house within the grounds is also to be redeveloped into three houses, and a dovecote has planning permission for conversion into a house.

As communications improve, so does the pressure for property. Ian Stirling, from Lane Fox and Partners' Banbury office, believes this is the first year that the new M40 motorway, promised for so long, has become a factor...

At Heythrop, approached through the grounds of the National Westminster Bank staff college, Heythrop House, is Westwood, a small stone country house set in nearly 25 acres of gardens, pastures, paddocks and woodlands.

The prices to be commanded are illustrated by the sale of the Old Pribend Hall, at Shipton-under-Wychwood, near Burford, which the firm put on the market at around £400,000.

With the house is an art gallery, built and operated by the present owners, and a hangulog, both of which are to be sold as one lot, offered at about £90,000. The house, to be sold separately, is unusual in that it is really a country house, but in a town. Hamptons are asking £225,000.

Three Bedroom Flats £195,000-£275,000 Two Bedrooms £150,000-£195,000

W.A. ELLIS Sole Agents

DEVELOPERS & BUILDERS... W.A. ELLIS... 01-881 7654

LUXURY MODERN FLATS WITH PRIVATE GARAGING in the Regent's Park estate. SILSOE HOUSE, PARK VILLAGE EAST, REGENT'S PARK, N.W.1.

Winkworth MORTGAGES TERMS NOW AVAILABLE. 3 1/2 times income or 2 1/2 times joint income. 100% mortgages available.

THE JEWEL IN BATTERSEA'S CROWN. Just yards from Abert School and Highbury Park.

ASHBURN PLACE S.W.7. Elegant well presented 4+ spacious upper mansions in well maintained period house.

LINDEN GARDENS W2. FIRST TIME ON MARKET. Beautiful spacious and elegant 4 bed house in prime location.

W. KENSINGTON W14. 6th Floor (1st 4th) modern flat, large terrace, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, large kitchen.

BELSIZE PARK. Freshly decorated five bedroom house with 2 bathrooms.

CRAWFORDS. Exceptional range of flats & houses from £50,000.

KENSINGTON W8 FREEHOLD. Bright hillside cottage, close to park, views, 3 bedrooms.

SOUTH OF THE THAMES. Fashionable docklands view today. Fabulous nights overlooking the river.

WIMBLEDON. A major new project of innovative design - releasing 22 apartments for sale on leases for 125 years.

WIMBLEDON. Large house arranged on 2 floors in attractive area. Reception 3 double bedrooms.

WIMBLEDON. Large house arranged on 2 floors in attractive area. Reception 3 double bedrooms.

WIMBLEDON. Large house arranged on 2 floors in attractive area. Reception 3 double bedrooms.

SUPERB SHOW FLAT OPEN TODAY & DAILY 11am-7pm (Site telephone no. 01-244 7613)

DEVELOPERS & BUILDERS... W.A. ELLIS... 01-881 7654

W.A. ELLIS Sole Agents. DEVEN & CORNWALL. FARMHOUSE. GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

W.A. ELLIS Sole Agents. EAST ANGLIA. JACKSON-STOPPS & STAFF. SUFFOLK/ESSEX. BUCKS.

W.A. ELLIS Sole Agents. GREAT BRITAIN. NORFOLK AREA. ESSEX.

W.A. ELLIS Sole Agents. BEMBRIDGE I.O.W. ROWLANDS CASTLE. HANTS. DORSET, I.O.W.

RENTALS

Hampton & Sons

COMMERCIAL COUNTY, LONDON, SW17
FURNISHED RENTALS
A superb flat in a modern development...

6 Adington Street, London SW1A 1RB
01-493 8222

Geo. Joslin
SOUTH KENSINGTON
Dramatic spacious superior design flat...

Harpers
Furnished Rentals
BLUNDELL PLACE, KENSINGTON, SW7
A general 1-4 bed flat...

DOCKLANDS PROPERTY CENTRE
HOUSES AND FLATS THROUGHOUT THE DOCKLANDS AREA
RESIDENTIAL LETTING DEPARTMENT

REDCLIFFE SQUARE SW10
Extremely spacious first floor flat...

ALDERNEY STREET SW1
Attractive interior designed flat...

Sturgis
HOLLAND PARK WFL. Light spacious...

Plaza Estates
CLAYDON GARDENS WEST SW10
Charming modern house on 2 floors...

COOTES
SW15 superb 4 bedroom 3 bath...

Knight Frank
HAMPSTEAD VILLAGE NW3
A superbly furnished detached...

GAVIN COWPER ESTATES
CHELSEA
A superbly furnished house in first...

DULWICH
Lovely 4 bed Edwardian family house...

HEART OF BELGRAVIA
Superb luxury interior designed 5...

MILNER STREET SW5
Lovely 3 bedroom house...

CENTRAL LONDON
Large selection of 1 and 2 bed...

EATON PLACE SW1
2 bed with 4th floor flat...

T & W

Property Finders
RENTING OR BUYING?
We can save you time and effort...

LOWER ADDISON GARDENS W11
Artistic flat located in convenient...

PARK MANNSONS SW1
Dramatic one bedroom flat in block...

CHESTERTONS
HYDE PARK SQUARE, W1Z
Overlooking private square...

HILLGATE VILLAGE, W12
Charming large cottage with...

COLINDALE COURT SW18
Close to tube station, 3 bed...

ORR-EWING ASSOCIATES
01-581 8025

FINCHES
FULHAM Lux 2 bed house,...

WIMBLEDON Lux 4 bed flat....

LEYTONSTONE
Furnished house, 4 people, 1 drive...

Super Secretaries
WELL ORGANISED PA/SECRETARY...

YOUNG ASSISTANT with excellent...

COLLEGE LEAVER with good...

RECEPTIONIST with 2 years...

RECEPTIONIST with 2 years...

RECEPTIONIST with 2 years...

RECEPTIONIST with 2 years...

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS
DUE TO THE OVERHEAVING DEATH...

BIRTHDAYS
ANACALLES AYRESWICK...

SERVICES
HOME MOVIES/ CINE FILMS

WANTED
WIMBLEDON TICKETS

ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE SALISBURY REVIEW

Arthritis:
Greatest single cause of disability in the UK

YOU CAN HELP
ORAU PAIR IN AMERICA

TELEPHONE NEEDED NOW
TELEX/VIDEO OPS

NON-SECRETARIAL
RETH GARDNER GROVES

WIMBLEDON TICKETS
WIMBLEDON TICKETS

OVERSEAS TRAVEL
WIMBLEDON TICKETS

DISCOUNTED FLIGHTS
NEW LOW FARES WULFENBURG

RESISTA CARPETS
Special Offers

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
Blithem

PART-TIME VACANCIES
SUPER RECEPTIONIST SW1

DOMESTIC & CATERING SITUATIONS
EXPERIENCED COOK/HOUSE-

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES

OLD WRISTWATCHES WANTED
ROLEX PRINCE 18ct E1,200

AMERICAN BUYERS SEEK
Antique and Modern American...

NEWSPAPERS (1800's-1890's)
'Original' 'Preserved'

ROYAL DOULTON
TOBY FIGURES, FIGURINES, ANIMALS, ETC.

JEWELLERY TO SELL
Low cost jewelry and watches...

SELF-CATERING GREECE
ISLANDS IN THE SUN

HOLIDAY HOMES
HOLHAM 0403 59785

SCOTLAND
BENHIE ISLAND - cottage, 6, 6...

ROLLS ROYCE & BENTLEY
SILVER SHADOW 5 1979...

SCOTLAND
BENHIE ISLAND - cottage, 6, 6...

SELF-CATERING ITALY
VILLAS WITH A MAGIC TOUCH

NEW MERCEDES HOTLINE
0836-225235

PERFORMANCE CARS
FERRARI SPYDER 2+2 1970...

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS
WINTER SPORTS

QUALIFIED ASSISTANT REQUIRED
for busy branch office...

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS
SUSSEX

QUALIFIED ASSISTANT REQUIRED
for busy branch office...

CRICKET

Committee mull over regular manager and Botham remarks

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The Executive Committee of the Test and County Cricket Board decided yesterday to recommend to the full board, when they meet on August 1, that they should sanction the appointment of a regular manager to the England team.

self a player of distinction. Fred Titmus, Ray Illingworth, Brian Close, David Brown, Norman Gifford and Mickey Stewart are some names to be going on with.

has backed up on me) in the same way that people make jokes about umpires having white sticks.

Last pair sneak in after Lamb's 157

By Richard Streeton

HASTINGS: Northamptonshire (19 points) beat Sussex (seven) by one wicket.

Lancashire draw with honour

By Peter Ball

LIVERPOOL: Lancashire (2pts) drew with Derbyshire (8).

Smith's bad break against Marshall

By Peter Marson

Gloucestershire's victory against Surrey, whom they beat by 96 runs at Bristol yesterday, was their fourth in the Britannia Assurance County Championship, and it takes them clear of Worcestershire and Leicestershire, who recorded their third successive wins against Hampshire and Nottinghamshire respectively.

Clock beats Glamorgan despite Morris century

By Ivo Tennant

MADSTONE: Kent (7 pts) drew with Glamorgan (7).

Not so good for Oxford

David Thome, the Oxford captain, has included three freshmen in his side for the 142nd University match, starting at Lord's today.

Double change

Two Yorkshire players, Jane Powell and Sue Metcalfe, have been brought in to the England women's side for the second Uni-Vite Test against India, which starts at Blackpool tomorrow.

Championship table

Table with columns for County, P, W, L, D, Bt, Bw, Pts. Lists teams like Essex, Gloucestershire, Lancashire, etc.

EQUESTRIANISM

Ned Kelly boosts Pountain's tally

By Jenny MacArthur

Sue Pountain and Ned Kelly added a second Raffles Classic showjumping event to their tally yesterday, by winning the competition at The Royal Show in Warwickshire.



Something to shout about: Agnew appeals successfully against Randall as Notts slip to 58 all out

ATHLETICS

Coe has to settle for second best as Gray hits form

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Stockholm

Sebastian Coe was over a second faster than his first 800 metres race this year but still had to give best to Johnny Gray, of the United States, here in the 1912 Olympic Stadium last night.

Overtt looks set for golden days ahead

Stieve Overtt went from potential participant in the Commonwealth Games to a gold medal winner with his 5,000 metres victory in 13 minutes 20.06 seconds at the Dale Farm Ulster Games in Belfast on Monday night.

Olympic 100m champion and world record holder seems unlikely to contest the Games in his native city. He could only run 10.72sec to finish third in Belfast in his first 100m since the Olympic semi-finals in Los Angeles.

YACHTING

Women's crew make history in transatlantic

By Barry Pickthall

Kitty Hampton and Mary Falk became the first women to reach the finish of the Carlsberg two-handed transatlantic race yesterday.

Closing in on Lord's

By Michael Berry

As most of the competitors bid farewell to the 1986 ICC Trophy, the contest to reach Monday's final begins in earnest today for the four sides who still share it at Lord's.

Table with columns for Country, Name, Age, Height, Weight, etc. Lists athletes like Z. Sheikh, J. E. Williams, etc.

ENTERTAINMENTS

LEGAL NOTICES

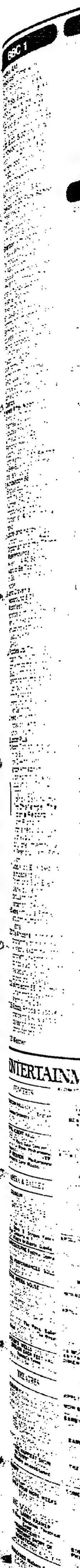
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE... THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985... NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court...

PUBLIC NOTICES

PASTORAL MEASURES 1985... NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Church Commissioners have approved the Pastoral Measures 1985...

BARBARIC ART GALLERY

Barbaric Art Gallery, 222, Old Street, London EC1Y 4LE. Exhibitions include 'The Art of the 1980s'...



Today's television and radio programmes

BBC 6.00 Breakfast AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time with...

TV-AM 6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne...

CHOICE season. He embodied the low morale of the Peugeot team...

Radio 2 On long wave. VHF variations at end. 5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News, 6.10 Farming, 6.25 Prayer (1).

BBC 9.20 Ceefax 10.30 Play School, presented by Sheelagh...

ITV LONDON 8.25 Thames news headlines followed by Survivors...

CHANNEL 4 2.15 Their Lordships' House. (1) 2.30 Michael Peppi. A repeat of the South Bank Show...

Radio 4 On long wave. VHF variations at end. 5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News, 6.10 Farming, 6.25 Prayer (1).

BBC 2 6.55 Open University: Technology - First in the Field. Ends at 7.20.

CHANNEL 4 3.30 Box Extra: Craggan. An award-winning documentary...

Radio 4 On long wave. VHF variations at end. 5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News, 6.10 Farming, 6.25 Prayer (1).

Radio 1 On medium wave. VHF variations at end. News on the hour from 7.30am to 11.30pm.

BBC 2 9.00 Ceefax. 9.15 Wimbledon 86. Man's Singles quarterfinal action from the Centre and Number One Courts...

CHANNEL 4 4.30 Dancin' Days: A big party celebration of the opening of a new Rio de Janeiro night club...

Radio 4 On long wave. VHF variations at end. 5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News, 6.10 Farming, 6.25 Prayer (1).

Radio 1 On medium wave. VHF variations at end. News on the hour from 7.30am to 11.30pm.

BBC 2 10.00 News at Ten with Lorraine Kelly. 10.10 Land of the Dragon. With a forest ranger in a heavily-wooded region of Asia...

CHANNEL 4 5.00 Alice. Mei's mother arrives in town and takes Tom and Harvey to the beach...

Radio 4 On long wave. VHF variations at end. 5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News, 6.10 Farming, 6.25 Prayer (1).

Radio 1 On medium wave. VHF variations at end. News on the hour from 7.30am to 11.30pm.

BBC 2 11.30 Music at Night. Fiona Kimm (mezzo-soprano), accompanied by Andrew...

CHANNEL 4 6.00 Family Ties. American domestic comedy series. 6.30 Family Ties. American domestic comedy series...

Radio 4 On long wave. VHF variations at end. 5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News, 6.10 Farming, 6.25 Prayer (1).

Radio 1 On medium wave. VHF variations at end. News on the hour from 7.30am to 11.30pm.

BBC 2 12.40 Night Thoughts. 12.50 News at Ten with Lorraine Kelly. 1.00 News at Ten with Lorraine Kelly...

CHANNEL 4 7.00 The World to One. News. 1.40 The World to One. News. 1.55 Shipping...

Radio 4 On long wave. VHF variations at end. 5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News, 6.10 Farming, 6.25 Prayer (1).

Radio 1 On medium wave. VHF variations at end. News on the hour from 7.30am to 11.30pm.

BBC 2 1.30 The Champions. The special agents are asked to accompany a reluctant African leader back to his war-torn country...

CHANNEL 4 8.00 The Blood of the British. Dr Catherine Hills continues her series on the history of the British people with an examination of the possessions and territories that early Britons thought worth defending...

Radio 4 On long wave. VHF variations at end. 5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News, 6.10 Farming, 6.25 Prayer (1).

Radio 1 On medium wave. VHF variations at end. News on the hour from 7.30am to 11.30pm.

BBC 2 2.00 News at Ten with Lorraine Kelly. 2.10 News at Ten with Lorraine Kelly. 2.20 News at Ten with Lorraine Kelly...

CHANNEL 4 9.00 The Blood of the British. Dr Catherine Hills continues her series on the history of the British people with an examination of the possessions and territories that early Britons thought worth defending...

Radio 4 On long wave. VHF variations at end. 5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News, 6.10 Farming, 6.25 Prayer (1).

Radio 1 On medium wave. VHF variations at end. News on the hour from 7.30am to 11.30pm.

BBC 2 3.00 News at Ten with Lorraine Kelly. 3.10 News at Ten with Lorraine Kelly. 3.20 News at Ten with Lorraine Kelly...

CHANNEL 4 10.00 The Blood of the British. Dr Catherine Hills continues her series on the history of the British people with an examination of the possessions and territories that early Britons thought worth defending...

Radio 4 On long wave. VHF variations at end. 5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News, 6.10 Farming, 6.25 Prayer (1).

Radio 1 On medium wave. VHF variations at end. News on the hour from 7.30am to 11.30pm.

Vertical advertisement on the left edge of the page, partially obscured.

Vertical advertisement on the right edge of the page, partially obscured.

ENTERTAINMENTS section containing various listings for concerts, operas, and theatres.

ENTERTAINMENTS section containing various listings for operas, ballets, and musicals.

ENTERTAINMENTS section containing various listings for musicals, plays, and performances.

ENTERTAINMENTS section containing various listings for musicals, plays, and performances.

ART GALLERIES section listing various art exhibitions and galleries.

